



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0806-243

Ratification of FY1997 Single Audit Act Report

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has directed that the audits for FY97 through FY01 be re-conducted in conformance with the Single Audit Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, Plante Moran, PLLC has been engaged to conduct these historical audits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Audit Resolution and Cost Policy has directed that the FY97 Audit Report be submitted on or before August 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Plante Moran, PLLC has submitted a draft report to the Tribal Council which was reviewed on July 31, 2003 by the Ogema, Recorder, CFO, and Mr. Taylor with a Plante Moran, PLLC Representative; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has submitted, and has had approved, the Tribe's management response to the audit findings noted in the draft report; and

WHEREAS, Plante Moran, PLLC has identified that the final report can be submitted in time to have the report in the mail on August 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, section 6.02 of the Audit Ordinance requires audits to be ratified prior to release to an external entity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized an exception to this requirement to allow submission of the FY97 Audit Report by the August 5th deadline by resolution # 03-0730-228;

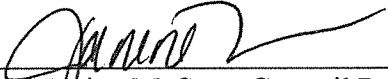
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby retro-actively accepts the Management Response to the FY97 draft Audit Report submitted by Plante Moran; and

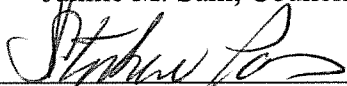
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby retro-actively accepts and ratifies the FY97 Audit Report submitted by Plante Moran on August 4, 2003 and approves submission of that report to the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as in accordance with the Tribe's approved corrective action plan to federal audit requirements.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 6, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:


Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder


Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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