



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0813-261

Authorization to Make Apartment Rent Payments as Agreed to in Contract with Blue Buffalo, Inc. to Reduce Cost of Expense Related to the Contract

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 ratified a contract negotiated by the Ogema with Duane Hopkins, d/b/a Blue Buffalo, Inc., by resolution # 03-0219-51; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Mr. Hopkins to provide services as 'Chief Financial Officer' to commence immediate supervision of the Accounting Department and financial processes of the Tribe in accordance with the Tribe's federal corrective action plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema posted the employment position of the Chief Financial Officer and the Tribal Council which received insufficient applications; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema and Tribal Council determined that consistent and long-term guidance and supervision of the Accounting Department and financial activities of the Tribe would be more beneficial than attempting to locate and employ a Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema submitted an amendment to the contract with Mr. Hopkins which extended the contract for three years and allowed for alternative expense options to reduce costs which was ratified by the Tribal Council by resolution # 03-0604-160; and

WHEREAS, that contract allowed for a reduction in costs by locating appropriate local housing and providing for payment of the rent on such housing by the Tribe; and

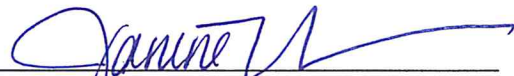
WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins has presented a request for approval of the alternative local housing which would result in approximately \$36,000 in savings on expenses over the term of the contract, and a request for approval of \$1500 in related costs, which has been approved by the Ogema and forwarded to the Tribal Council for ratification;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Ogema to make arrangements to make direct payments of the apartment rent and the purchase of the requested basic furniture for the apartment, provided that, such rental agreement shall be between Mr. Hopkins and the landlord.

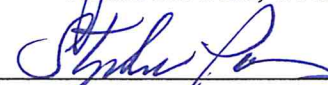
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 13, 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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