



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-0827-275**

*Authorization to Enter Into Agreement to Purchase 117.45 Acre Parcel of Land from  
Niesen*

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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(c), "to purchase, lease, take by gift, take by devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire land, interests in land, personal property or other assets which may be deemed beneficial to the Little River Band;" and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified and negotiated a purchase price for 117.45 acres contiguous to the Tribe's existing properties; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified the property and reviewed the purchase price and agreement with the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the purchase of the property for the expansion of the Tribe's land holdings is in the Tribe's best interests;


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Vacant Land and authorizes the Ogema to enter into the contract.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purposes of sections 15 and 22 regarding attorney's fees and arbitration, provided that, such limited waiver is for the purposes of engaging in arbitration only.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 27, 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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