



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

375 River Street  
Manistee MI 49660

**Resolution # 03-0910-278**

*Resolution of support for submission of a grant application to the  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program in  
the amount of \$53,510.78*

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

WHEREAS, the elk had shared the lands of our ancestors, and had been a source of sustenance for our people since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the elk is a species of cultural importance to the Aníshinaábek of the Little River Band, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band has committed, through prior Tribal Council action, to the goal of “protecting species of cultural importance;” and

WHEREAS, our ancestors reserved the right to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded under the 1836 Treaty of Washington (‘1836 Ceded Territory’), and is a right which we as Aníshinaábek continue to exercise; and

WHEREAS, the elk had been exterminated from the 1836 Ceded Territory by the late Nineteenth Century due to unbridled private and commercial over-harvesting and due to habitat destruction; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the value and purpose in conducting the project hereby known as the "Large-scale assessment of potential habitat and social feasibility to restore elk within the 1836 Ceded Territory".

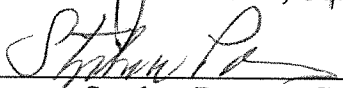
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution supports the submission of a grant application for the above cited project to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 2003 in the amount of \$53,510.78.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution agrees to and commits to an In-Kind Tribal Match of \$22,631.71, which equals 29% of the federal share, to support the operation and administration of the above cited project.

**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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 10, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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