



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution # 03-0910-282

Resolution of support and commitment to the long-term management and assessment of the Maánmég (Lake Sturgeon) in the rivers within the 1836 Reservation, the 1855 Reservation, and in other waters encompassing the 1836 Ceded Territories.

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 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 maánmég once were known as the King Fish among the Anishinaabek; and the Anishinaabek who represented the clan of this sacred and magnificent species were the teachers of the community, who also were responsible to speak in council for the other fish clans;

WHEREAS the maánmég, as a sacred clan animal, share a significant and central role in the cultural continuity and identity of the of the Anishinaabek of the Little River Band, and

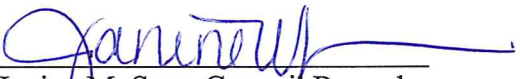
WHEREAS, the population of maánmég have been severely diminished from the rivers and waters of the 1855 Reservation, the 1855 Reservation, and the 1836 Ceded Territory due to unbridled private and commercial over-harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band has committed, through prior Tribal Council action, to the goals of “protecting species of cultural importance” and to “providing for the rehabilitation of Native aquatic species” found within the 1836/1855 Reservation boundaries and the 1836 Ceded Territories;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this Resolution is expressing commitment to the long-term management and assessment of the maánmég (lake sturgeon) in the rivers within the 1836 Reservation, the 1855 Reservation, and in other waters encompassing the 1836 Ceded Territories.

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.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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