



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-1029-361**

*Authorizing Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon to Undertake Services in  
Connection with Preparation of an Amicus Curiae Brief  
to be Filed in the Michigan Supreme Court in the TOMAC Case*

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to represent the Band in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has, pursuant to Resolution #02-0109-05, retained the law firm of Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon as Special Counsel to Band for various projects related to economic development activities of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Speaker has, in consultation with the Legal Department, presented a proposal to add additional services to Drummond Woodsum's scope of work to include preparation of an *amicus curiae* brief to be filed in the Michigan Supreme Court in connection with the action challenging the procedure by which the State of Michigan ratified the Tribal-State Gaming Compact.

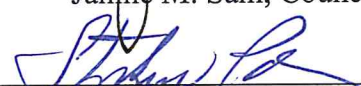
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the law firm of Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon to undertake services to prepare an *Amicus Curiae* brief in TOMAC litigation to be filed with the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of the Little River Band, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

**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 October 29, 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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Tribal Ogema  
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Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon, P.C.