



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1105-373

Authorization for Speaker to Sign Engagement Letter Contract with Ribail, Stauffer & Associates, PLLC to Perform Audits of the Tribal Government Operations for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2005

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 adopted the Audit Ordinance, #03-0611-162, which set forth the authority and processes by which the Comptroller General engages an auditing firm to conduct audits of the Tribal government operations in accordance with federal rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General submitted request for proposals to five auditing firms and received three responses, which were reviewed by a sub-committee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was presented all of the proposals, the results of the sub-committee review, and the recommendation of the Comptroller General and determined that Ribail, Stauffer & Associates was the appropriate firm to conduct the audits;

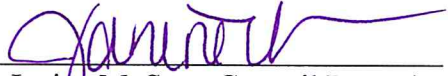
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Tribal Council to sign the engagement letter for Ribail, Stauffer & Associates.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for purposes of dispute resolution and consents to the jurisdiction of the Commercial Division of the Tribal Court.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 5, 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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