



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1105-375

Ratification of Employment Contract with Attorney Jo Anne House to Provide General Counsel Services and Authorization for the Speaker to Sign Such Contract

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 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 engaged Attorney Jo Anne House to provide legislative services under a three year contract approved by resolution # 00-0724-11 and as recently engaged under resolution # 03-1015-348; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has negotiated with Attorney House for appointment to General Counsel position and agreed to language amending the prior contract approved by resolution # 03-1015-348 which sets forth supervisor responsibilities over the Legislative Legal Department budget, employees and activities; and

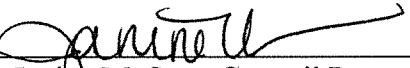
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been presented a contract for the purposes of engaging Attorney Jo Anne House as an employee of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to provide General Counsel services as set forth in the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the employment contract with Attorney Jo Anne House and authorizes the Speaker to enter into the contract.

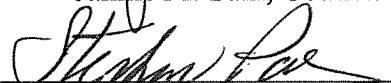
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

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 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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