

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1105-377

Approving Contract with Jonnie J. Sam, II, to Provide Historical/Educational Services in Connection with the Education Department Genealogy Project

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 Band's Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to represent the Band in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Band, in a manner consistent with the Band's 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 Band's Education Director, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney, has negotiated a Contract to employ Jonnie J. Sam, II, on a part-time, temporary basis to provide services to the Department in connection with presentation of a series of education workshops to Tribal youth; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that retaining the services of Mr. Sam and execution of the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute the attached Employment Contract with Jonnie J. Sam, II, employing Mr. Sam on a part-time, temporary basis to provide educational sessions to Tribal youth commencing November 10, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>4</u> FOR, <u>3</u> AGAINST, <u>1</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> 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.

ahine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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