Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1112-390

Ratification of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 1998 Specified Funds Financial Statement Audit and Authorization to Submit to External Agency

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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, the Tribal Council adopted, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, the <u>Audit Ordinance</u> which identifies how audits are conducted and reported by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe conducts audits of its activities for the purpose of compliance with federal laws and agreements with external entities; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has caused to be conducted an audit of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 1998 Specified Funds Financial Statements by Plante Moran, PLLC; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, under section 6.01 of the <u>Audit Ordinance</u>, is required to receive and ratify all audits prior to submission to an external agency; and

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WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has reviewed the audit report and the proposed Corrective Action Plan developed by the appropriate representative and has presented such audit and plan to the Tribal Council;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts and ratifies the *Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 1998 Specified Funds Financial Statements* and Corrective Action Plan and authorizes their submission to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and others as deemed appropriate by the Comptroller General.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>6</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>3</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 12, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

Patricia Ruiter, Council Member

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