



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1203-397

*Authorizing Execution of Government-to-Government Accord with
the State of Michigan*

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), is invested with the legislative powers of the Band, including the power to authorize and ratify agreements with other Indian tribes on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements on behalf of the Band, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and

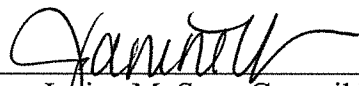
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has proposed a Government-to-Government Accord between the State and Indian Tribal governments in Michigan to establish guiding principles respecting the sovereignty of each party and to provide a framework for furthering the relations between the State Governor and executive agencies and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council supports the principles and objectives defined in the Government-to-Government Accord presented by the State of Michigan, as presented, and believes that execution of that Accord can provide a means of improving relations between the Band and the State of Michigan..

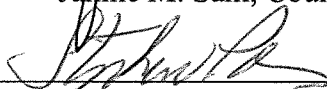
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the 2002 Government-to-Government Accord between the State of Michigan and the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State of Michigan, which has previously been executed by former Governor Engler on behalf of the State of Michigan.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 3, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Jantine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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