



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-1203-404**

*Approval of Cost of Living Adjustments for Tribal Government Employees for FY2003*

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.6 of the LRBOI Personnel Manual requires that cost of living increases be authorized by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has presented a request for the application and payment of a cost of living increase for tribal government employees; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has presented calculations for the COLA which identifies a COLA increase of 2.22% as a result of cost of living adjustments not having been made since June of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has requested that the cost of living increases be made retroactive to January 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified that funding for the COLA costs exist within the Tribal budget and no additional funds are necessary to make this payment; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified that the COLA should be scheduled to be paid with the December 17<sup>th</sup> payroll so as to avoid the reporting requirements and accounting year-end close-out activities that will be occurring near the last pay period of the year; end

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the COLA presentation by the Ogema and has determined it is an appropriate action to be taken; and


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the application and payment of a cost of living increase of 2.22% for tribal government employees for FY2003 to be retro-actively applied back to January 1, 2003 and to be paid on December 17, 2003.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that this Cost of Living Increase shall not apply to the Tribal Council or Tribal Court Judges wages.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 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 Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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Tribal Ogema  
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