

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04- 0114-15**

*Prohibiting the Use of Signature Stamps by all Employees and Government Officials*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aniřhinaábek* (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 acted by Resolution # 02-0515-14 to prohibit the use of signature stamps by a prior Tribal Ogema during the resignation notice period; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was concerned regarding the authenticity of documents containing a signature stamp and had determined, at the time, that no other signature stamps were being utilized; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that there may be additional signature stamps in use and determined that setting a general prohibition on these stamps is necessary;

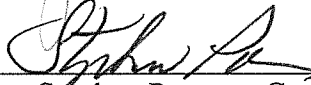
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby directs that no employee or government official, including members of commission, committees, boards, shall utilize a signature stamp for any reason on any document related to Tribal activities including, but not limited to, memos, contracts, resolutions, minutes, reports, purchase requests, and timesheets.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby directs that nothing in this resolution prohibiting signature stamps grants additional authorizations to employees of government officials that is not already otherwise authorized.

**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, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 14, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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