



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0121-25

Approval of Expenditure by Legislative Legal Department Regarding WestLaw Charges

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 is authorized, subject to the veto of the Tribal Ogema, under the Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) of the Constitution to approve expenditures of Tribal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, # 01-100-04, which identifies and authorizes expenditures of funds within an approved budget through regulations created by the Tribal Ogema and adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the *Purchasing and Procurement Regulations*, # R100-01:AC-01, have been approved by the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council which directs that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$5000.00 must be made by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Legal Department (*Department*) has budgeted \$30,000 for the purpose of maintaining a library regarding program related activities of which the majority of expenditures are through WestLaw either in the form of new books, subscriptions or on-line research charges; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a request for approval of the above expenditure;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the obligation of budgeted funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the purposes of expenditures throughout Fiscal Year 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 21, 2004, 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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