



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0310-118

*Ratification of Contract with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to Provide
Supplemental Employment Law Consultation*

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 under Article IV, Section 7(b) to ratify contracts presented by the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized the original engagement letter with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to provide legal services identifying the impact of federal law on the Tribe in regards to employment issues; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema and Tribal Council received the written legal memorandum and reviewed this with Attorney Kaighn Smith and determined that follow-up action was needed for which additional legal services would be requested; and

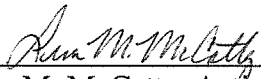
WHEREAS, the Ogema and Tribal Council requested the Legislative Legal Department to develop a supplemental contract with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to provide supplemental legal services which has been provided to the Tribal Council for review; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Legal Department has not budgeted for this activity and has requested a budget modification to fund this activity in the event the supplemental contract is approved;

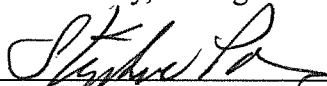
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the engagement letter with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to provide 'Employment Law Consultation' with an estimated contract amount of \$25,000 and authorizes the Ogema to enter into that contract.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 10, 2004, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Lisa M. McCatty, Acting Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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