



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-0310-119**

*Ratification of Contract with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to Provide Legal Services to Address Future Gaming*

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 agreements brought forward by the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has requested the Legislative Legal Department to identify the costs of legal services to analyze potential steps the Tribe may need to take in the event of a negative impact decision in the TOMAC v. State of Michigan case; and

WHEREAS, a proposed engagement letter for either individual or joint, with Little Traverse Bay Band, legal analysis has been brought forward; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that engaging the law firm to begin providing services as soon as possible is necessary in order for the Tribe to adequately prepare for the outcome of the TOMAC litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to provide a joint legal analysis upon determination of the Little Traverse Bay Bands to become involved with this project and at such time begin paying a pro rata share of costs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Legal Department has requested a budget modification to allocate funds for this proposed contract;

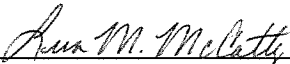
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the engagement letter with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to provide 'Legal Services to Address Future Gaming' as an individual contract with the Tribe.

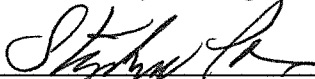
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby ratifies the engagement letter with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to provide joint 'Legal Services to Address Future Gaming' with Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Ogema to make a final contact with Little Traverse Bay Bands to obtain agreement to enter into the joint legal services contract, and to enter into that agreement if an affirmative response is received, but to enter into a contract either solely or jointly, as soon as possible, and to notify the Tribal Council of the determination as soon thereafter as possible.

**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.

  
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Lisa M. McCatty, Acting Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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