



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-0414-156**

*Ratification and Authorization to Enter into Contract Amendment with Melissa Zelenak  
to Provide Media Specialist Services*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 negotiated by the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved an employment agreement with Melissa Zelenak to provide media specialist services until such time as a permanent employee can be hired under a Public Affairs, other similar, Department by resolution # 03-1217-429 and as amended by resolution # 04-0218-73; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has requested a second amendment to the contract for an extension of approximately 60 days to allow time for a work session on the development of the Public Affairs Department and to post and hire for the position in that office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the proposal and finds that it is an appropriate action;

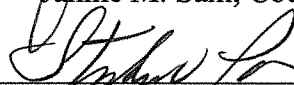
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the "Second Amendment to Employment Contract with Melissa Zelenek" and authorizes the Ogema to enter into that contract.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 14, 2004, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices 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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