



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-0505-185**

*Ratifying the Intergovernmental Accord between Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan Concerning Protection of Shared Water Resources*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 authorize and ratify intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has presented the *Intergovernmental Accord between Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan Concerning Protection of Shared Water Resources* for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the agreement and determined that joint discussions between Tribes and the State on quality and quantity of water resources and development of joint strategies to protect those resources is in the best interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that ratification of the agreement and authorization of the Ogema to enter into the agreement is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members;

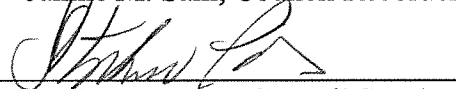
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the *Intergovernmental Accord between Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan Concerning Protection of Shared Water Resources* and authorizes the Ogema to enter into the agreement.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 5, 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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