

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution # 04-0519-207

Resolution of Support to approve the submission of a Tribal Landowner Incentive Grant to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to "Evaluate the Status of Black Bear, Ursus americanus, in the northern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula", in the amount of \$110,881.

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 Tribal Council is authorized under the Tribal Constitution, Article IV, Section 7(a) to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band has committed, through prior Tribal Council action, to the goal of "protecting species of cultural importance" found within the 1836 and 1855 Reservation boundaries and the 1836 Ceded Territories;

WHEREAS, our ancestors reserved the right to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded under the 1836 Treaty of Washington ("1836 Ceded Territory"), and is a right which we as Aníshinaábek continue to exercise; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the value and purpose in conducting the project hereby known as to "Evaluate the Status of Black Bear, *Ursus americanus*, in the northern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution supports the submission of a grant application for the above cited project to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 2004 in the amount of \$110,881.

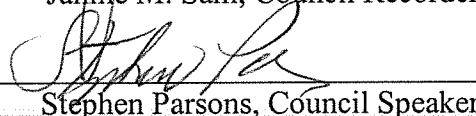
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution agrees to and commits to an In-Kind Tribal Match of \$45,625, which represents 41% of the federal share, to support the operation and administration of the above cited projects.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 19, 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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