

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## Resolution # 04-0602-232

Designation of Federal and State Lobby Liaison - Pamela Medahko, Councilor

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 responsible for drafting laws and making long term decisions regarding the actions and directions of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has ratified contracts with lobbying firms for state and federal government activities to better identify and protect the Tribe's interests affected by these forums; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that designating liaisons to have primary communications responsibilities in regards to specific subject matters has resulted in better interaction and understanding of the Tribal activities and goals; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that activities involving state and federal lobbying are important activities and is an appropriate area to designate a Councilor as liaison;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby designates Councilor Pamela Medahko as the liaison for the Tribal Council in regards to federal and state government activities, lobbying and other related activities. The Tribal Council does further direct that all communications regarding these matters shall be forwarded through Councilor Medahko to be brought to the attention of the Tribal Council, and that Councilor Medahko shall be kept fully informed of all meetings, actions, decisions, paperwork, and other matters related to the designated liaison responsibilities.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>1</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>0</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 2, 2004, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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