



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0825-345

Authorization for the Tribal Council Speaker to apply for an extension of time to file the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2003 Audited Financial Statements to the Federal Government

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; 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 adopted, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, the Audit Ordinance which identifies how audits are conducted and reported by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe conducts audits of its activities for the purpose of compliance with federal laws and agreements with external entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has encountered extenuating circumstances that would prevent the completion and submission of an audit by the due date of September 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Ribail, Stauffer and Associates has scheduled to begin the audit during the month of October 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has identified that the audit is anticipated to be completed prior to December 31, 2004;

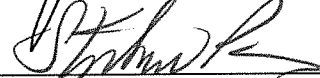
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker to submit a request to the Bureau of Indian affairs for the purpose of extending the due date for the submission of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians audit to the Federal Government until December 31, 2004.

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 August 25, 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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