



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0929-385

Approving Release of Final Installment of Funds Appropriated for "Let Voters Decide - Yes" Ballot Committee Activities in the amount of \$48,290.97

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously authorized a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,040,000.00 to be allocated to the escrow account established for the purpose of funding "Let Voters Decide - Yes" ballot committee activities related a ballot initiative that would limit the expansion of gaming in the State of Michigan on the November 2004 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #04-0811-337 recognized that a balance of \$48,260.97 would need to be transferred to the escrow account upon receipt of certification of the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the amounts previously appropriated for "Let the Voters Decide - Yes" ballot committee purposes include sufficient funds to permit transfer of the balance required to be transferred to the escrow account and the Tribal Council's representative on the ballot committee has requested the transfer of that amount.

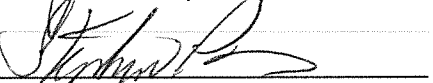
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the transfer of \$48,260.97 from the Tribal Council Budget Professional Fees Line Item) 1000-100-5205) to be used to allocated to fund the balance the Tribe has committed to escrow account established associated with the "Let Voters Decide - Yes" ballot initiative.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 29, 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



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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