



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-1006-398

Olson, Bzdok & Howard to Provide Legal Services to the Election Board

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 (e) of the Constitution, has the power to employ legal counsel to represent the Tribe; and

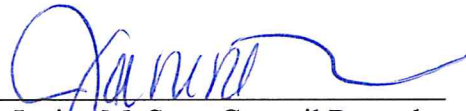
WHEREAS, the Tribe's Election Board requires legal counsel to assist the Board drafting election regulations, procedures and with litigation related to enforcement of those regulations and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Chris Bzdok, from the law firm Olson, Bzdok & Howard, has presented a Retainer Agreement to provide the necessary legal services to the Election Board.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the execution of a Retainer Agreement with Olson, Bzdok & Howard to provide general legal services to the Tribe's Election Board, and directs the Tribal Ogema to sign the contract upon receipt of this resolution and the contract, and forward the signed contract to the Recorder upon signing.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 6, 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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