



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-1016-410**

*Ratification of Attorney Contract with Robert Lyttle and Authorizing the Speaker to Sign the Contract*

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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(e) to engage legal counsel on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized legal counsel for the Tribal Council and the Ogema for the specific purpose of the current constitutional interpretation litigation filed by the Ogema through resolution # 04-1006-397; and

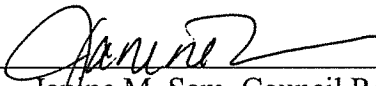
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified suitable legal counsel and interviewed that legal counsel; and

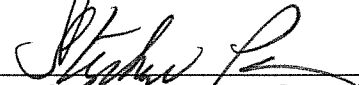
WHEREAS, after interviewing Attorney Robert Lyttle, the Tribal Council has determined to employ Attorney Lyttle for the purposes authorized under resolution # 04-1006-397;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the engagement letter with Attorney Robert Lyttle and authorizes the Speaker to sign the contract for an total fee not to exceed \$100,000.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 16, 2004, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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