



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288

Resolution # 04-1020 -425

Ratifying the Contract For Audit of Enrollment Files and Authorizing the Tribal Ogema or Council Speaker to Sign Such 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 delegated the responsibility to manage the enrollment activities of the Tribe under Article II, Section 4; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Enrollment Ordinance and created the Enrollment Commission to carry out those responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that a verification of the membership of the Tribe through a review and re-affirmation of the files of the members is an important aspect of this process; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and the Enrollment Commission have met with individuals recommended through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office specialists through a pre-engagement contract and has determined that they can carry out this important task; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received the proposal for services and finds that it accurately outlines a process by which the enrollment determinations can be verified in a timely manner;

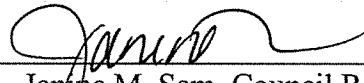
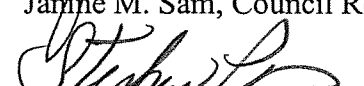
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the contract – Proposal for Audit of Enrollment Files of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians – and authorizes the Tribal Ogema or Council Speaker to enter into that contract.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT nothing in this contract shall be considered a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Tribe.

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 20, 2004, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:


Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Distribution: Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Tribal Court