

## **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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### **Resolution # 04-1110-445**

#### *Authorization to Become a Member of the National Indian Child Welfare Association and Designating Tribal Representatives*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 has created the Binojeeuk Commission under the Children's Code and delegated responsibility to protect the interests of the Tribe in maintaining contacts and community relationships with all children who are eligible for membership in the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Binojeeuk Commission has identified that the National Indian Child Welfare Association (*NICWA*) is an important contact, networking, and information base in which to allow them to better carry out their duties and responsibilities in protecting the children of this Tribe; and


WHEREAS, since 1983, NICWA has worked to help protect Indian children and enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act (Pub. L. No.95-608) by providing training, technical assistance, and advocacy in order to accomplish their mission; and

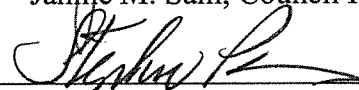
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved the budget for the Family Services Department for FY2004 and has reviewed the proposed budget for FY2005 and has determined that the Tribe expends over \$300,000 in funding for ICWA and related activities which identifies the membership fees for the Tribe to become a member of NICWA; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby designates the Binojeeuk Commission Chairperson as the Tribe's designated representative to, and authorizes the Binojeeuk Commission to participate in, the National Indian Child Welfare Associate and directs that the dues of \$1,000 be paid from the Binojeeuk Commission budget.

**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 November 10, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome 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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