



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-1117-461

*Ratification of Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord and Authorizing the
Ogema or Recorder to Ratify the Agreement on Behalf of the Tribe*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Zíłbi 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

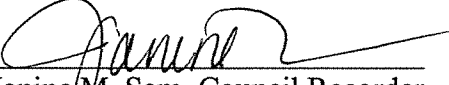
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify agreements between the Tribe and other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received and reviewed the "*Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord*" and has determined that it is in the best interests of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its members to approve the accord and authorize the Ogema or Recorder to ratify the document at the November 23, 2004 meeting of the Tribes in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan;

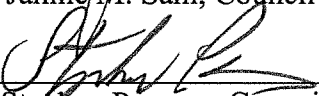
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the "*Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord*" and authorizes the Ogema or the Recorder to attend and record the authorization of the document at the meeting of the Tribes on November 23, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 17, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome 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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