

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-1120-473

Approval of Associate Attorney Contract With Damian Fisher

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 has authorize the posting and engagement of two Associate Attorney positions; and
- WHEREAS, the General Counsel-Legislative and Councilors interviewed all applicants and identified the top two selections; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized salary negotiations of which the applicant selected has accepted the salary offer;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the four year Associate Attorney Contract with Damian Fisher and authorizes the Speaker and the General Counsel-Legislative to endorse the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 20, 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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