



*Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek*

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

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**Resolution # 04-1201-475**

*Approval of Expenditure by Election Board*

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 *Purchasing and Procurement Regulations*, # R100-01:AC-01, approved by the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council, direct that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$10,000.00 must be made by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a constitutional entity responsible for conducting elections, the Election Board, which must act within the laws and regulations of the Tribe regarding expenditures of funds; and

WHEREAS, taking into account that the Tribal Council has approved an Election Board budget, which includes a sum of \$57,000.00 for the purpose of entering into contracts to assist the Electing Board in its duties; and

WHEREAS, presented with a request from the Tribal Election Board for approval of a contract, in an amount not to exceed \$8,800.00, with *Automated Election Services* to automate various processes of the 2005 Tribal General Election; and


WHEREAS, having assurances from the Election Board that *Automated Elections Services* is an appropriate vendor to provide these services, as AES exclusively is familiar with the Tribe's membership records and possesses the necessary equipment and unique qualifications to conduct the these services; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the expenditure of budgeted funds in the amount of \$8,800.00 as identified by Purchase Requisition dated November 10, 2004, signed by chairman of Election Board and authorizes the Chairperson of the Election Board to enter into the contract the *Automated Election Services*, a division of Ink Impressions, Inc.

**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 December 1, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome 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  
Election Board