



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-1201-487

Ratification of the "Framework for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC)" and "Great Lakes Declaration-Protecting and Restoring the Great Lakes through a Regional Collaboration of National Significance" and authorization for Ogema to Ratify the Agreement on Behalf of the Tribe

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 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 *"Framework for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC)"* and *"Great Lakes Declaration-Protecting and Restoring the Great Lakes through a Regional Collaboration of National Significance"* 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 to ratify the document at the December 3, 2004 meeting of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration in Chicago IL.

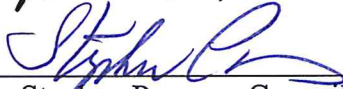
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the "*Framework for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC)*" and "*Great Lakes Declaration-Protecting and Restoring the Great Lakes through a Regional Collaboration of National Significance*" and authorizes the Ogema to attend and record the authorization of the document at the December 3, 2004 meeting of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration in Chicago IL.

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.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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