



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0112-14

Approval of Expenditure by Tribal Council for Scofes & Associates Consulting in the amount of \$45,000.00

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Dadwaa 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, subject to the veto of the Tribal Ogema, under the Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) of the Constitution to approve expenditures of Tribal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, # 01-100-04, which identifies and authorizes expenditures of funds within an approved budget through regulations created by the Tribal Ogema and adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the *Purchasing and Procurement Regulations*, # R100-01:AC-01, have been approved by the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council which directs that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$8,000.00 must be made by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has retained Scofes & Associates as the firm to be utilized for lobbying, legislative and governmental affairs advocacy in Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Scofes & Associates has contacted the Tribal Council and stated there was work performed over and above the agreed contract under Resolution # 04-0121-31; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is requesting approval of the above expenditure;

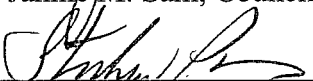
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the expenditure of budgeted funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 to be taken from Program # 1000-100, Account # 5204.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 12, 2005, 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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