

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0119-20

Authorization for Pamela Medahko, Councilor to Attend and Speak at the Michigan Indian Critical Issues Conference

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 Tribal Council adopted resolution # 04-1215-505 which identified the requirements of notice and attendance at Tribal Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution was to enable to the Tribal Council to identify the existence of quorums, and to have the necessary persons available to answer questions at those meetings; and

WHEREAS, resolution # 04-1215-505, Resolve #1(4) requires authorization by resolution for attendance at these types of meetings where the official is not fulfilling the responsibility of an appointment;

WHEREAS, Councilor Medahko has been requested to present her viewpoint regarding bias and stereotype in Indian history in the public education curriculum at the MIEC Critical Issues Conference; and

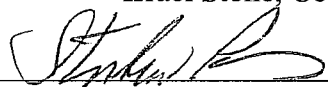
WHEREAS, the conference will take place from March 10th through the 12th with the speaking engagement on March 12th;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes Pamela Medahko, Councilor to attend the MIEC Critical Issues Conference and to present at that conference regarding her viewpoint as a Councilor for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and as an individual with a critical interest in public education and Native American history.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 19, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Israel Stone, Council Member


Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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