## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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## **Resolution # 05-0119-21**

Authorization to Submit Claim Form in Viking Office Products Class Action Litigation

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 Manager has received notice of a class action lawsuit filed against Viking Office Products which has a settlement agreement entered; and
- WHEREAS, the class action lawsuit identified a complaint against Viking Office Products, Inc., for faxing, without authorization, notices of product availability and discounts; and
- WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the fax numbers that were owned by the Tribe during the class action period and the determined the likelihood of that fax number receiving the mass fax document;

WHEREAS, the class action settlement will result in either a settlement credit with Viking in the amount of \$150.00, or cash settlement offer in the amount of \$100.00, for which the Purchasing Manager is recommending the cash settlement offer in light of the Tribe's master agreement regarding office products;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Purchasing Manager to sign and forward the settlement agreement for the Cash Settlement Option on behalf of the Tribe.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>7</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>2</u> 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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