

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0119-27

Approval of Little River Casino Resort 2005 Business Plan and Budget

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(c) to acquire land, in whatever form, which may be deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(d) to approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of the land and interests therein; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(f) to create subordinate organizations and to delegate responsibilities to those subordinate organizations the responsibility to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has created the subordinate organization the Little River Casino Resort (*Resort*) and delegated responsibilities to that entity; and

- WHEREAS, section 6.03 of the <u>Little River Casino Resort Ordinance</u> requires the Board to obtain approval of the Annual Budget and Business Plan by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Resort began development and finalization of the budget and business plan prior to the conclusion of the Management Agreement, and has presented the budget to the Board of Directors for review and approval; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that this budget for FY2005 was substantially complete prior to their creation, and that insufficient time exists for a thorough review of the budget and has requested that the FY2005 budget be presented directly to the Tribal Council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the 2005 Business Plan of the Little River Casino Resort which includes the FY2005 Budget.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 19, 2005, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Israel Stone, Council Member

Attest:

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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