

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0216-71

Ratification of Contract with Michigan Technological University for the Purpose of Conducting Sturgeon Population Surveys

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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to ratify agreements entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized, under Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify contracts entered into by the Tribe; and

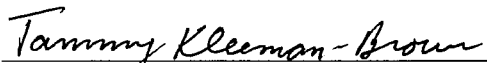
WHEREAS, the Ogema has presented a contract with the Michigan Technological University to assist in sturgeon research in accordance with a Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a legal review of the contract and identified that no waivers of sovereign immunity are included, and the contract carries out a governmental program need covered by grant related funds;

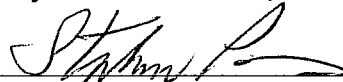
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Michigan Technological University and authorizes the Ogema to enter into the contract.

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 February 16, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Tammy Kleeman-Brown, Tribal Councilor



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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