



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0309-103

Approving Establishment of an Account with National City Bank of Michigan for the Purpose of Receiving and Distributing Funds for the Self-funded Health Insurance Program

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved a change in the health insurance employee benefit program to a self-funded plan ("Plan") effective March 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Chief Financial Officer has determined that to provide efficient accounting for the Plan that a bank account be established dedicated solely to transactions related to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the account will be to receive deposits from the tribal government, and tribal entities who are covered under the Plan, and to make payments to the Plan administrator as required to fund Plan expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Consulting Chief financial Officer is hereby authorized to open an account with the National City Bank of Michigan for the sole purpose of receiving and distributing monies for the operation of the self-funded health insurance employee benefit plan; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT funds held in the account are to be placed in short-term money market investments that provide no risk of loss of principle while providing a reasonable return; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT authorized signers on the account will be consistent with all other bank accounts held in the name of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to include the following individuals:


- Lee Sprague, Tribal Ogema
- Steve Parsons, Tribal Speaker
- Tammy Kleeman, Council Member
- Lisa McCatty, Council Member
- Brian Medacco, Council Member
- Pamela Medahko, Council Member
- Elaine Porter, Council Member
- Patricia Ruiter, Council Member
- Israel Stone, Council Member

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT signatures of two authorized signers will be required to approve all distributions from the account; and

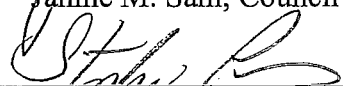
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Ogema is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to establish the account in the manner described.

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 March 9, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome 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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