

## **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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### **Resolution # 05-0309-106**

#### *Authorization of Expenditure to pay dues for membership in the National Indian Gaming Association*

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 primary purposes of NIGA are to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare and interests of gaming Tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming in Indian Country, to assist in the dissemination of information to the Indian gaming community, the federal government and the general public on issues related to Indian gaming, to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming in Indian Country, and to maintain, protect and advocate Indian Tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution # 03-0813-253 appointing representatives to the National Indian Gaming Association as follows: Delegate – Lee A. Sprague, Alternates – Janine M. Sam and Lisa McCatty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that membership in the National Indian Gaming Association has been beneficial, and will continue to be beneficial, to the Tribe in providing information, resources and training; and

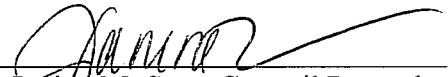
WHEREAS, the calculation of dues owed is based on gross revenue from the Tribe's gaming operations, which has been verified as accurate by the Tribal Council office.

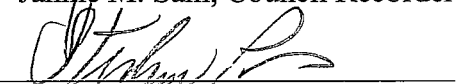
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of \$25,000 membership fees for membership in the National Indian Gaming Association from the Tribal Council Budget #1000-100-100-5302.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the delegate and alternate delegates designations and shall continue for so long as the delegated shall hold office as Ogema or members of the Tribal Council.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 2 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.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest: