



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0525-225

Appointing Delegates to National Congress of American Indians

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaa' Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinabek* (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 adopted resolution # 03-0215-49 which identified that the Tribe met the qualifications to become a member of the National Congress of American Indians (*NCAI*), authorized payment of dues, and appointed Jonnie J. Sam, II as delegate, and Stephen Parsons, Janine M. Sam and Pamela Medahko as alternates; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution # 03-0813-254 which appointed Lee A. Sprague, Ogema, as delegate and Stephen Parsons, Speaker, Janine M. Sam, Recorder and Pamela Medahko, Councilor, as alternates; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have elected four members to the Tribal Council in the 2005 General Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that re-appointing the delegate and alternates for NCAI is an appropriate action;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby appoints, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the by-laws of NCAI, the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s), and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing in the NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the Annual Convention, Mid-Year Conference and Executive Council Meetings and that such designation shall continue for so long as the delegated shall hold office as Ogema or members of Tribal Council.

Delegate: Lee Sprague

Signature: _____

Alternate: Janine Sam

Signature: _____

Alternate: Israel Stone

Signature: _____

Alternate: Elaine Porter

Signature: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINING, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 25, 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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