

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0601-228

*Ratification of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Rehabilitation
Services Cooperative Program Agreement*

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 vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution, to authorize and ratify agreements negotiated by the Ogema on behalf of the Tribe with the state government; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has, through the Grants Department, presented an agreement with the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Rehabilitation Services which is intended to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Tribal members who meet the program eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the agreement and finds that it is intended to meet the needs of the membership in regards to employment services;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the *Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Rehabilitation Services Cooperative Program Agreement* for the year ending September 30, 2005 and authorizes the Ogema to enter into the agreement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests a report from the Grants Department, in accordance with section VI(L) of the agreement, which evaluates the actual program activities, for the prior fiscal year. Provided that, such report shall be required prior to entering into further agreements, and that renewal of the existing agreement shall be required to be authorized by subsequent resolution.

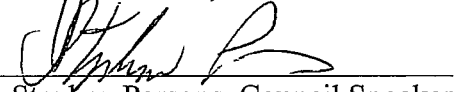
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT nothing in this authorization shall be construed to be a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity, whether express or implied.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 1, 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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