

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 375 River Street Manistee, Michigan 49660 (231) 723-8288

## Resolution # 05-0608-234

Authorizes Tribal Ogema to Designate Office and/or Appoint Officer to Substitute Functions of Department of Commerce And to Retroactively File Already Formed Limited Liabilities Companies

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 essential to these functions is to offer Tribal members the appropriate legal infrastructure to foster business opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Council has passed Ordinances and Resolutions that make reference to the Tribal Department of Commerce, which department has not been created; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Council is aware that the fact that no Department of Commerce has been created and that the Limited Liability Company Ordinance makes reference to this department which makes the ordinance virtually non enforceable, depriving the Members of the opportunities that such legislation was intended to offer because the ordinance requires that the articles of organization must be filed with the Department of Commerce to form a Limited Liability Company; and

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to designate, in writing filed with the Tribal Council, an office and/or appoint an officer to substitute the functions assigned to the Department of Commerce in the Limited Liability Company Ordinance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following LLC's which have filed their articles of organization with the Office of the Ogema, in the absence of the Department of Commerce, are determined as having properly filed in accordance with section 5.12 of the Limited Liability Corporation Ordinance –

Stone's Fitness, LLC Gibson Enterprises, LLC Kelsey's Construction, LLC

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Ogema is directed to present the designation within 15 days from the date of this resolution.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>6</u> FOR, <u>1</u> AGAINST, <u>1</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a regular meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 8, 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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