



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

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### **Resolution # 05-0618-261**

#### *Approval of Expenditure by Election Board*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Dádwaá 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 of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is authorized, subject to the veto of the Tribal Ogema, under the Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) of the 1998 Tribal Constitution, to approve expenditures of Tribal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant Article V, Section 5(a)(3) of the 1998 Tribal Constitution, has exclusive authority to approve contracts between the Little River Band and external entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, # 01-100-04, that identifies and authorizes expenditures of funds within an approved budget through regulations created by the Tribal Ogema and adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a constitutional entity responsible for conducting elections, the Election Board, which must act within the laws and regulations of the Tribe regarding expenditures of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Election Board has presented, for approval of a contract, in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00, with Automated Election Services to automate various processes of the 2005 Tribal Special Election; and


WHEREAS, the Election Board has determined that Automated Elections Services is an appropriate vendor to provide these services, as AES exclusively is familiar with the Tribe's membership records and possesses the necessary equipment and unique qualifications to conduct the these services; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the contract with Automated Election Services, and authorizes the Ogema to sign the contract.

**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, 1 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 18, 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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Tribal Ogema  
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Election Board