Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-0622-278

Ratification of a Policy with Standard Insurance Company to Provide Life Insurance for Tribal Government

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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), to authorize and ratify contracts and agreements on behalf of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2), to manage the funds of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2005 which includes an allocation of funds for life insurance benefits; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the policy amendments with Standard Insurance Company to provide life insurance benefits coverage.

IT IS FURTHER PROVIDED THAT in regards to 'members' and application of this policy amendment, the following elected officials are in included in participation - Tribal Council and Ogema.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT nothing in the contract, nor in this resolution ratifying the contract, shall be considered an express or implied waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, <u>0</u> ABSENT, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 22, 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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