Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-0720-326

Re-Affirming the Compensation for Judicial Officers Previously Set by Resolution # 00-1220-12

- 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(i)(2), to manage the funds of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article VI, Section 4(b), to set the compensation levels for judicial officers which shall not be subject to diminishment during the judicial officer's sitting in his or her office; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution # 00-1220-12 which set the compensation level for all judicial officers, which has not been amended, rescinded or superseded to this date;
- NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby reaffirms the judicial compensation levels set in Resolution # 00-1220-12.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council clarifies the application of the judicial compensation set in Resolution # 00-1220-12 as follows -

Tribal Court

- 1. Chief Judge as that judicial officer selected to administer the court's daily activities and support staff supervision the office of which is currently held by Judge Daniel Bailey.
- 2. Associate Judge as identified in Article VI, Section 3(a) the office of which is currently held by Judge Ron Douglas
- 3. Special Judge as identified in inferior courts created by Ordinance adopted by the Tribal Council the office of which is currently vacant.

Appellate Court

- 1. Appellate Judge with attorney qualifications required as identified in Article VI, Section 3(b) the office of which is currently held by Justice Mike Petosky.
- 2. Appellate Judge with elder qualifications required as identified in Article VI, Section 3(b) the office of which is currently held by Justice Stella Gibson.
- 3. Appellate Judge position as a Tribal member under Article VI, Section 3(b) the office of which is currently held by Justice Ryan Champagne.

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 July 20, 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 Court