



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 05-0727-349

#### *Ratifying the Contracts for Language Camp and Expressing The Tribal Council's Opinion of the Violation of Tribal Regulations Requiring Authorization*

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 has adopted the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations which require ratification of contracts by Tribal Council in accordance with the Constitution, regardless of the dollar amount or value of any contract; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that no contract can be entered into, regardless of the amount of the contract, and for which the Accounting Department personnel was notified of this requirement on July 21, 2005 by Councilor Stone when he did not sign the checks; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was presented the checks for signature on July 27, 2005, however, there were no actions to forward approving or authorizing resolutions to ratify the contracts for those presenters associated with the Language Camp; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the contracts are necessary and the payments must be made in order to provide this necessary service to the membership, notwithstanding the administration's failure to move forward to the Council's agenda authorizing resolution(s) to ensure that the payments could be made in accordance with existing policy and law.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes and ratifies the following contracts for the individuals named below:

*Helen Roy; Alex Peltier; Isadore Toulouse; Jarvis Trudeau; Douglas Pitawanakwat; Jeremiah Pheasant; Mack Brushman; Michelle Wellman-Teeple; Doris Peltier; Chelsea Bromley; John Koon; Dennis Pitawanakwat; Trisha Pheasant; Rhonda Hopkins; Dwight Teeple; Donald Carufel; Joseph Roy; Calisha Stwyer; Lisa Tiger; Sammie McClellan-Dyal; Jamie Roy; Rhonda Dixon; Carla McFall; Leon Valliere; Carrie Leasureaux*

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council provides notice to the Ogema and his subordinate departments that Tribal Council will no longer endorse checks that are prepared outside of policy or in violation of the purchasing regulations.

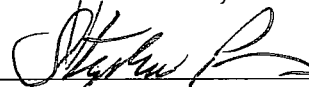
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs the Ogema to review with the Consulting CFO the processes necessary to ensure that all accounting staff understand that no checks should be prepared expending tribal funds unless all documentation is prepared and on file.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 27, 2005, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest: