Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-0810-366

Authorization for Jason Verheek, Shannon Crampton, Don Koon and Norbert Kelsey to attend the meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 11, 2005 in Sault Ste.

Marie, MI

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi 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, Resolution # 05-0720-333 placed restrictions on travel until an audit can be completed; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution # 05-0727-363 clarified travel restrictions placed by Resolution # 05-0720-333; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution # 05-0727-346 gave the Comptroller General the responsibility to monitor and assist Tribal Council in discharging duties related to external audits in accordance with the Audit Reform Act of 2005; and

- WHEREAS, Resolution # 05-0727-346 stated the Comptroller General will keep regular and timely communication related to external audit activities and not take any formal actions related to external audits without consent of Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, it may be necessary for Jason Verheek, Shannon Crampton, Don Koon and Norbert Kelsey may incur an overnight stay in Sault Ste. Marie depending on the length of the meeting; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified it is important for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council members and Comptroller General attend the meeting with Gerald Parrish of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the external audits and have representation at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the meeting will take place on August 11, 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes Jason Verheek, Shannon Crampton, Don Koon and Norbert Kelsey to attend the meeting with Gerald Parrish of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 11, 2005.

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>0</u> AGAINST, <u>1</u> ABSTAINING, <u>1</u> ABSENT, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 10, 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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