



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 05-0914-457

*Authorizing Execution of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement  
with the Mason County Sheriff's Department*

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 Tribe currently owns approximately 612 acres of land in Mason County within the Reservation established under the 1855 Treaty of Detroit and regulates the activities of tribally-licensed or permitted commercial fishing activities taking place in Lake Michigan waters adjacent to Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Mason County has indicated that his department regularly requires the assistance of personnel and equipment maintained by other law enforcement agencies to respond to emergency situations in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe maintains a Department of Public Safety which has personnel and equipment that can assist the Mason County Sheriff in meeting the law enforcement and public safety needs within the jurisdiction of the Mason County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Director of Public Safety and Mason County Sheriff desire to coordinate the use of their respective law enforcement personnel and resources to better serve the needs in Mason County, including on the Tribe's Reservation lands located in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Mason Count Sheriff has presented the Tribe's Public Safety Department with the form of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement to permit the County Sheriff and the Tribe's Department of Public Safety to request assistance from each agency to respond to emergency law enforcement matters within each agency's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Director of Public Safety and the Tribal Ogema have requested authorization to execute the proposed Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with the Mason County Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema and the Director of Public Safety to execute the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with the Mason County Sheriff.

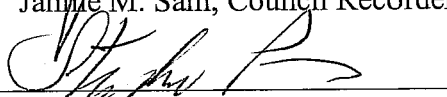
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests that the Tribal Ogema or Public Safety Director provide information copies of Standard Operating Procedures developed for the Public Safety Department to manage the activities of Public Safety Department officers responding to requests for assistance, and for requesting assistance from Mason County Sheriff's Department officers by the Tribe, under this agreement.

**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 September 14, 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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