

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 05-1005-493**

*Restricting the use of remaining funds received from the 'Consent Decree' entered into as a result of the US v. Michigan Lawsuit for Great Lakes Fishing Rights*

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 entered into a 'Consent Decree' to resolve Great Lakes fishing matters in the US v. Michigan lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe was awarded certain settlement monies from the Federal Government and State of Michigan to establish, regulate, and monitor commercial fishing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received the awarded funds from the Federal Government and State of Michigan and has been spending these monies in a manner consistent with the terms of the 'Consent Decree'; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution #00-0828-07 which designated an account for the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authorized check signers for the account and from time to time amended the designated signatories; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authorized expenditures of the settlement funds by resolution; and

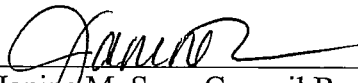
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has requested a review of the fund and expenditures and has determined that additional restrictions are necessary;

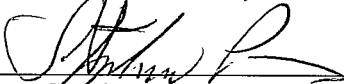
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians restricts all remaining funding available from the US v. Michigan 'Consent Decree' to be utilized only in accordance with authorization by of Tribal Council;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all prior authorizations for use of 'Consent Decree' funds whether through resolution, adoption of budgets, or other are hereby rescinded, revoked, or otherwise voided and a new resolution must be presented to Tribal Council to reauthorize the continued use of US v. Michigan 'Consent Decree' funds.

**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 October 5, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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