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Resolution # 05-1130-644

Ratification of Contract with Jim LaPorte to Provide General Manager Services for the Little River Casino Resort

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 adopted Resolutions # 04-0728-313 and # 05-0223-92 which re-authorized the enterprise charters granted by the Tribe to the Little River Casino Resort; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the <u>Resort Board of Directors Act of 2005</u> which vested powers and authority in the Board of Directors regarding the activities of the Little River Casino Resort; and
- WHEREAS, the <u>Resort Board of Directors Act of 2005</u>, section 5.03(c), authorizes the Board of Directors to enter into a contract with the General Manager which is subject to the ratification by the Tribal Council; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approved a contract with the General manager on October 14, 2005, and forwarded the contract to the Tribal Council for ratification;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Contract for General Manager Services with Jim LaPorte.

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>2</u> ABSTAINING, <u>0</u> ABSENT, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 30, 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

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Attest: