

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 05-1214-671

*Approving Travel for the Newly Elected Appellate Justice to the NJC "Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges" in Reno, Nevada, February 13-16, 2006*

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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to exercise fiscal powers, and manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council enacted Resolutions #05-0720-333 and #05-0803-363, temporarily revising the manner in which tribal funds are approved for expenditure on travel related activities, due to government funds in excess of \$235,000.00 being spent on such activities at the time the resolution was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Travel expenditure for Tribal Court proposed is requested to be processed and authorized during the time period that requires approval by the Tribal Council prior to expending the government funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Court warrants to the Tribal Council that the travel related expenses requested for approval by this resolution are:

1. Pre-planned and budgeted activity within the department, and
2. The travel is necessary to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Department.

WHEREAS, the Travel is necessary for the Appellate Justice to be cognizant of new and existing procedures, policies and laws in Indian Country, to better serve the membership.


WHEREAS, the *Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges*, will be invaluable to the Judge in understanding jurisdictional issues in Indian Country, the technical aspects of writing orders, and trial level mechanics.

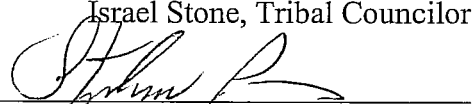
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the travel related expenditure request in accordance with Resolution #05-0722-333 and #05-0803-363 for the following:

Date: February 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Purpose: Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges  
Location: Reno, Nevada  
Name: Ryan Champagne  
Program: #1000-150

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 14, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Israel Stone, Tribal Councilor

  
Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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