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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #00-0610-11

REQUESTING TRANSFER OF REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS  
FROM THE BATTLE POINT SITE FROM THE MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND  
AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE'S NAGPRA REPRESENTATIVES TO  
TAKE POSSESSION OF SUCH REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS TO COMPLETE THE  
REPATRIATION OF THOSE REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS  
**AND REINTURE AT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED SITE: *df***

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally-recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Native America Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. §3001 et seq.)(hereinafter "NAGPRA"), which permits Indian tribes to request the repatriation of human remains and unassociated funerary objects contained in the collections of public museums; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is the political successor to, nine (9) of the nineteen (19) Grand River Ottawa Bands which were signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Little river Band of Ottawa Indians is specifically from the Fort Village Band of Grand River Ottawa, whose permanent village site was located near what is now known as the "Battle Point Site" in Ottawa County; and

WHEREAS, the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan recently completed the inventory of human remains and unassociated funerary objects from the Battle Point Site, which are in its possession, in accordance with the requirements of NAGPRA; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously designated William Memberto, Jonnie Sam, II, and William Willis as NAGRPA representatives for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to proceed with repatriation of the Battle Point Site remains and funerary objects described in the March 30, 2000 Federal Register announcement in its entirety as soon as practical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requests the repatriation of the of the remains and unassociated funerary objects from the Battle Point Site, which are currently in the possession of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes one or more of the Tribe's NAGPRA representatives, William Memberto, Jonnie ("Jay") Sam, and William Willis, to act on behalf of the Tribe and take possession of the remains and unassociated funerary objects in the Battle Point Site collection from the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

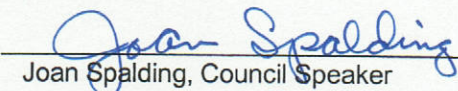
**Certificate of Adoption**

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held at the Little River Band Community Center in Manistee, Michigan on June 10, 2000, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 6/10/00

  
Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
Joan Spalding, Council Speaker