

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2608 Government Center Dr. Manistee, MI 49660 Moved to Open Session 02/24/16

## **Resolution #16-0224-058**

Ratifying Replacement Contract for Westlaw Services

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a 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) of the Constitution 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 pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution has the power to ratify contracts negotiated on behalf of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(a) of the Constitution is authorized to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Unified Legal Department maintains an on-line subscription service in order to have necessary legal resources available for questions arising throughout the fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, funds were included in the Unified Legal Department's FY 2016 Budget for West Publishing Corporation's services and products.

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the replacement contract for West Publishing Corporation's on-line products and services and authorizes execution by the Ogema.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council, held on February 24, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for the vote.

h Riley II. Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

cc. Tribal Council Tribal Ogema Unified Legal Department