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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution # 16-1109-345

Approving Contract with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Little River Band with federal, state and local governments and other Indian tribes or their departments or political subdivisions, or with private persons on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(e) of the Constitution to employ legal counsel, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior so long as such approval is required by Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized under Article V, Section 5(a)(1) of the Constitution to enforce and execute the laws, ordinances and resolutions of the Tribal Council, consistent with this Constitution; and

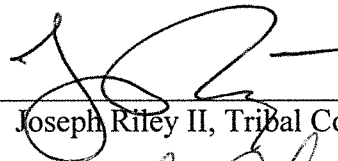
WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized under Article V, Section 5(a)(3) of the Constitution to consult, negotiate, and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa with federal, state, and local governments and other tribal governments, or with private persons or organizations. Agreements and contracts reached must be approved or ratified by Tribal Council to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized under Article V, Section 5(a)(8) of the Constitution to manage the economic affairs, enterprises, property (both real and personal) and other interests of the Tribe, consistent with ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Tribal Council; and

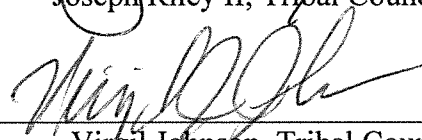
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the contract with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Closed Session Meeting held on November 9, 2016, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Council
Tribal Ogema
Unified Legal Department