



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 17-0208-056

*Approving the Ogema's Execution of the FY-2017 Subcontract for Biological Services
with the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Sault Ste. Marie Band of
Chippewa Indians, in the amount of \$46,400*

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) 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 vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) was established by the five Tribes who were parties to *United States v Michigan* (W.D. Mich. File No. 2:73-cv-26), to administer the intertribal protection and management of the natural resources and the regulation of the exercise of treaty rights to harvest natural resources within the territory ceded in the 1836 Treaty of Washington as provided by the 2000 Consent Decrees entered to settle that Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Consent Decree includes terms and conditions requiring CORA and its member Tribes to carry increased roles and responsibilities with respect to the regulation, biological assessment and enforcement of treaty activities and protection of natural resources; and

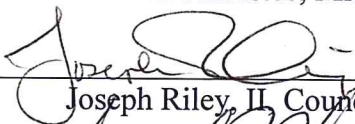
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a contract from the Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians, designed to satisfy the requirements of the 2000 Consent Decree for collaboration among the Tribes to protect and manage their natural resources and to regulate the exercise of Treaty Rights to harvest those natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed, edited and approved by the Unified Legal Department; and

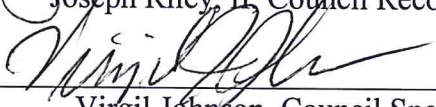
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to Execute the FY-2017 Subcontract for Biological Services with the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians, in the Amount of \$46,400.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 8, 2017, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley, II, Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

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