

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS RESOLUTION NO. 95-0514-01

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the governing body of the Band pursuant to Article IV. Section 1, of the Band's Constitution and Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(i), of the Constitution and Bylaws, the Tribal Council is authorized to employ legal counsel subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior when required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a need for legal counsel to advise and represent the Tribal Government on matters before all federal and state courts, tribunels, departments, agencies, and committees of the Congress and State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, William J. Brooks, formerly a staff attorney with Michigan Indian Legal Services. Inc., has served as General Counsel for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Inc. since 1990: and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians desires to continue its relationship with William J. Brooks now that the Band's status as a distinct, federally-recognized Indian tribe has been reaffirmed by Public Law 103-324; and

WHEREAS, William J. Brooks has become associated with Thompson & O'Neil, P.C. of Traverse City, a law firm with a longstanding commitment to civil justice and specializing in civil litigation before federal and state courts; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to enter into a contract with Thompson & O'Neil, P.C and William J. Brooks as its General Counsel, according to the terms and condtions set forth in the attached contract;

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NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that the attached Attorney Contract with Thompson & O'Neil, P.C. is hereby approved and the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribal Council, forward the contract to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and request that the contract be approved by the Secretary of the Interior or his designated agent.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify that this Resolution was adopted at. a special meeting of the Tribal Council held in its offices in Manistee, Michigan on May 14, 1995 by a vote of:

5 in favor, O opposed. O absentions

Aniel Bailey.

Kathy Berentsen Kathy Berentsen, Secretary

5/14/95