

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians PO Box 314 Manistee MI 49660-0314

RESOLUTION 96-0805-02

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed by Public Law 103-324 enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, our Tribe is vitally concerned about the care, treatment and culturally appropriate disposition of our ancestral human remains, along with other relevant funerary and sacred objects; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band Tribal officials are diligently working on the development and application of standards and procedures relative to the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and have attempted to coordinate with tribal officials from the other federally recognized tribes in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this coordination has fostered the formation of an intertribal alliance, known as the Michigan Three Fires NAGPRA Alliance, and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the NAGPRA Alliance is to draft and adopt an inter-tribal agreement, known as the Ancestral Protection Accord, which will define standards and procedures for the care and disposition of ancestral human remains of the First People of Michigan and the Great Lakes territory, who are represented by the federally recognized tribes that will be protected by the Accord.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians wishes to participate in the Michigan Three Fires NAGPRA Alliance, and will designate tribal officials to represent our Tribe in this Alliance for the purpose of drafting, adopting and implementing the Ancestral Protection Accord, subject to Tribal Council approval.

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council at a regular Tribal Council meeting by a vote of 6 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions held on August 5, 1996.

date: August 5, 1996

Robert Guenthardt, Chairman

Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chairperson