



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0209-01

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.) (hereinafter "Little River Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and Tribal membership has determined that restoration of the Tribe's historic reservation land base and other lands within the Tribe's historic territory is a critical priority;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has established certain land acquisition priorities from information developed in surveys of Tribal members and Strategic Planning workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the Tribe's historic claim to Reservation lands in Manistee and Mason Counties in Michigan, as well as the Tribe's traditional ties to other Counties in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Little River Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to acquire and/or accept real property in trust for the benefit of the Tribe in Manistee and Mason Counties and that such lands shall become part of the Tribe's Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 and Section 6 of the Little River Act also authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire and/or accept real property in trust for the benefit of the Tribe in other locations to meet Tribal needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has established a Land Use and Land Acquisition Committee to assist the Tribal Council in establishing its priorities for land acquisition and to develop a Reservation/Land Base Restoration Plan guide land acquisition efforts by the Tribe and the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Land Acquisition Committee has presented a proposal for the first phase in the restoration of the Tribe's Reservation land base; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Reservation Restoration Plan - Phase One provides for the restoration, and appropriate use, of historical Tribal lands, and provides guidelines which will ensure the acquisition of an initial land base which will begin to provide for the cultural, social and economic development of the Little River Ottawa people.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to have the Reservation Restoration Plan - Phase One, presented to the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representatives for consideration and to assist the Secretary of the Interior in the exercise of his responsibilities in assisting the Tribe in its land base restoration efforts.


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby adopts and approves the Reservation Restoration Plan of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Gaaching Ziibi Daawaa Anishnaabe) and the goals and objectives defined for first phase of land acquisition, and authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee to submit the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan to the Secretary of the Interior for review and respectfully requests that the Secretary concur in the goals and objectives defined in such Plan and assist the Tribe in the implementation of the goals and objectives defined in that Plan, in accordance with P.L. 103-324 and the Indian Reorganization Act.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution and the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Michigan Agency, Minneapolis Area Director, and the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to expedite the Tribe's land base restoration efforts.

Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held on February 9, 1997 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 2/9/97


Robert Guenthardt, Chairman


Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chair