



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0209-02

WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in order to promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government, enacted Pub. L. 100-497, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA); and

WHEREAS, The IGRA provides a statutory framework for the establishment of regulatory roles for the states, the federal government, and Indian tribes in tribal casino gaming operations; and

WHEREAS, Gaming has proven to be one avenue through which Indian tribes have successfully pursued economic growth, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government, resulting in substantial improvement in the quality of life of Michigan's Native American population; and

WHEREAS, Section 2710 of the IGRA provides, in part, that any Indian tribe may request the state to enter into negotiations for the purpose of entering into a Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of gaming activities on Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the mutual benefits that may arise from concluding gaming compacts that take into account the interests and concerns of all parties, negotiations have taken place pursuant to the IGRA between the State of Michigan and delegates representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, On September 25, 1995, a Tribal-State compact, which is substantially identical to the Tribal-State compacts negotiated by seven other Michigan Tribes, was signed by the Governor John Engler and Tribal Chairman Robert Guenthardt; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Legislature failed to approve the Tribal-State Compact negotiated by the Governor and Chairman Robert Guenthardt, in part, because of the efforts to make a change in state law which would authorize casino gaming in the City of Detroit; and

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WHEREAS, In response to enactment of Proposal E by the Michigan electorate, which authorizes the development of up to three (3) commercial casinos in the City of Detroit, the Governor and Chairman Robert Guenthardt have re-negotiated the terms of Tribal-State Compact to provide the Tribe's with the exclusive right to operate electronic games of chance ("slot machines") and other forms of casino games in all areas of the State of Michigan outside the limits of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council had, by Motion and Approval, authorized the Tribal Chairman to agree to negotiate the above-described amendment to the Tribal-State Compact, provided such negotiation were completed by January 31, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council's support of the terms of such Tribal-State Compact was expressly conditioned upon the representations of the parties to the Compact negotiations that, in addition to the economic benefits associated the provision of Tribal exclusivity of gaming outside the City of Detroit, that the terms of the Tribal-State Compact would expedite the Michigan Legislature's concurrence in the Compact; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the Tribal-State Compact negotiated by Chairman Guenthardt on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians promote the interests of the people of Little River Band, consistent with the policies and provisions of the IGRA;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby concurs in the Tribal-State Gaming Compact signed on January 27 and 29, 1997, by Governor Engler and Chairman Robert Guenthardt, Provided That the Tribal Council expressly reserves the right to withdraw its concurrence in the terms of such Compact if the Michigan Legislature fails to act in good faith to enact a Resolution concurring in the Governor's endorsement of the Compacts and that the Tribal Council expects to see significant progress in that regard by its next Regular Session on March 9, 1997; and be it further

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Following the Michigan Legislature's concurrence, copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the United States Secretary of the Interior.

Certificate of Adoption

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

Date: 2/9/97


Charles Fischer, Council Secretary

Attest:


Kathy Berentsen, Vice Chair