



# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0309-02

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 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, codified at 25 U.S. C. §1300k-4(b), 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, the Tribal Council has adopted a Reservation Restoration Plan to guide land acquisition efforts by the Tribe and the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan establishes as a priority, the acquisition of lands which have cultural and historic significance to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired title to three parcels of land in the Manistee Reservation commonly known as "Orchard Landing" in partial settlement of the Tribe's claim for damages in litigation involving Consumers Power Company's Ludington Pumped Storage Project; and

WHEREAS, the "Orchard Landing" property is a site which has been utilized by members of the Tribe for religious purposes and has important features of cultural significance to the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requests that the United States of America, through the Secretary of the Interior, or his

authorized designee, take title to the following described parcels of land in trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians pursuant to the authority and mandate of the Little River Act, 25 U.S.C. §1300k-4(b); description as follows:

Parcel 1: The Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 15 West;

Parcel 2: The Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 15 West;

Parcel 3: The East 250 feet of the West 300 feet of the South 200 feet of that part of Government Lot 3 in the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 15 West.

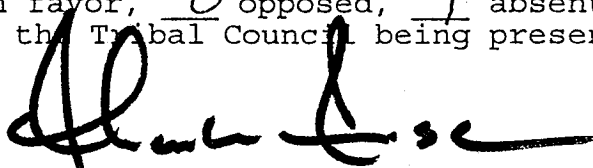
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §1300k-4(d), the Tribal Council requests that the United States of America declare such lands to be part of the Tribe's Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to convey the above described property to the United States of America in Trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and to execute any documents related to such conveyance.

#### 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 March 9, 1997 by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 3/7/97



Charles Fisher, Secretary



Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chair