



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0309-~~04~~

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 be restored to and 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 for economic development by the Tribe, particularly the establishment of Tribal gaming and resort facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. §2719(b)(1)(B)(iii) authorizes the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to conduct gaming on lands restored to the Tribe pursuant to the Little River Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired an option to purchase a tract of land in the Manistee Reservation commonly known as "Manistee Orchard-A", consisting of approximately 152.8 acres; and

WHEREAS, the "Manistee Orchard-A" property is suitable for economic development purposes, including development of a Tribal gaming facility.

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 parcel 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:

The Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 22 North, Range 16 West, excepting that part commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, West 264 feet, East 165 feet, East 264 feet to the place of beginning, also excepting the highway right-of-way for U.S. 31 and Michigan Highway 22.

BE IT FURTHER 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, take title to the above-described parcel of land in trust for gaming purposes for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §2719(b)(1)(B)(iii).

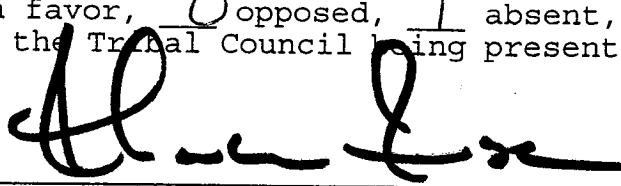
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §1300k-4(d), the Tribal Council requests that the United States of America declare such lands to be restored to and become part of the Tribe's Reservation.

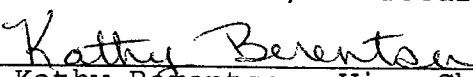
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to convey the above described property to the United States of America in Trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and to execute any documents related to such conveyance.

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