

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0309-05

WHEREAS the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribe") has a need for legal counsel to advise and represent the Tribal Government on matters before all Federal and State courts, tribunals, departments, agencies, and committees of the Congress and State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS William J. Brooks, served as General Counsel for the Tribe from January 1990 through May 1, 1994, while he was a staff attorney at Michigan Indian Legal Services; and

WHEREAS William Brooks continued to serve as General Counsel for the Tribe from May 1, 1994 through May 1, 1995, on a pro bono basis while he was employed by the Law Firm of Thompson & O'Neil, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, William Brooks has served as the Tribe's General Counsel since May 1, 1995, pursuant to an approved General Counsel contract between the Tribe and Thompson & O'Neil, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians desires to continue its relationship with William J. Brooks and wishes to enter into a General Counsel Contract with William Brooks as its "in-house" General Counsel when the current General Counsel contract with Thompson & O'Neil, P.C. expires on May 1, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes Chairman Robert Guenthardt and Tribal Council Secretary Charles Fisher to execute a General Counsel Attorney Contract with William J. Brooks, effective May 1, 1997, in accordance with the attached contract.

Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its regular meeting held on March 9, 1997 by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed, ____ absent, and _____ abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 3/9/97

Kathy Berentsen, Vice Chair