Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #97-0309-06

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, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 c) and f) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), is authorized to manage the economic affairs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 f) (2) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the acquisition of land for economic development and establishment and operation of economic and other enterprises by the Tribe will assist the Tribe generate the revenues needed to establish an effective tribal government, provide necessary governmental services and employment opportunities services for tribal members and promote tribal self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does not presently possess sufficient legal expertise to properly advise the Tribal Council and its General Counsel in the preparation of loan agreements, commercial real estate transactions and other documents necessary for the development and operation of a Tribal enterprises and has determined that employment of a firm with the necessary legal expertise in the areas of business management and real estate development will assist the Tribe in meeting the above goals; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Murchie, Calcutt & Boynton, P.C., has the requisite legal experience and expertise and is capable of assisting the Tribe in preparing and/or reviewing the financing, development, and real estate documents necessary for the establishment of a tribal health facilities and other economic enterprises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes Chairman Robert Guenthardt to execute a Special Attorney Contract with William B. Calcutt, managing principal of Murchie, Calcutt & Boynton, P.C. in accordance with the attached contract.

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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 5 in favor, O opposed, A absent, and O abstentions.

Date: 3/9/97

Kathy Berentsen, Vice Chair