



# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-0908-01

## AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH DEVERE CONSTRUCTION AND NAMING TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINT VENTURE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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 Tribe intends to purchase real property for housing and other community purposes in Manistee and Mason Counties, Michigan pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Little River Act (25 U.S.C. §1300-4(b)), and petition the Secretary of the Interior (the "Secretary") to take such property in trust for the benefit of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to provide employment, and to improve the social, economic, education, and health of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the establishment and operation of a tribal maintenance and construction company will allow the Tribe to force account federally-assisted construction projects, generate revenue, and provide necessary employment opportunities services for tribal members and promote tribal self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does not presently possess sufficient technical and financial expertise to develop and manage a comprehensive construction company and has determined that employment of a firm with the necessary management and development expertise will assist the Tribe in meeting the above goals; and

WHEREAS, DeVere Construction Company, Inc., has the requisite construction management expertise and is capable of assisting the Tribe in obtaining the financing needed to develop, manage, and operate a high quality tribal construction and maintenance enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1. (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 Chairperson, 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.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes Chairperson Robert Guenthardt to negotiate and execute a Joint Venture Agreement with representatives of DeVere Construction Company, Inc., which Agreement will outline the respective parties' rights and duties in completing the steps necessary for establishment of a construction and maintenance enterprise.

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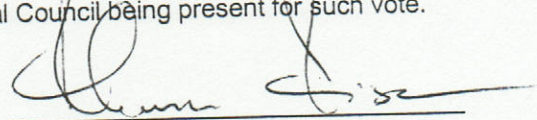


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Donald Koon, Sr. shall be designated as the Tribal Construction Company's representative on the Management Committee established under the Joint Venture Agreement and that the Tribal Chairperson, Robert Guenthardt, shall be designated the alternate representative on that Management Committee and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe's Construction Company under such Agreement.

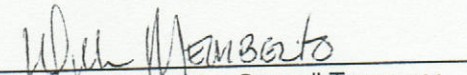
**Certificate of Adoption**

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held on September 8, 1997 by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 9/8/97

  
Charles Fisher, Council Secretary

Attest:

  
William Memberto, Council Treasurer