## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #97-1214-08

## AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH DORSEY & WHITNEY

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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a need for special legal counsel to represent the Tribal Government on specific matters relating to approval the Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact which was executed by the Tribe and the Governor of the State of Michigan before Federal tribunals and the Department of the Interior;

WHEREAS the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney, P.L.L.P. has the requisite legal experience and expertise and is capable of assisting the Tribe in preparing and/or responding matters pertaining to the Tribe's request to the United States Departments of Justice and Interior to initiate litigation against the State of Michigan for its failure to negotiate in good faith and conclude a Class III gaming compact with the Tribe.

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 Dorsey & Whitney, P.L.L.P. in accordance with the attached contract.

## Certificate of Adoption

| This resolution was adopted by the Tribal at its Regular Session held on December 14, 19 absent andabstentions. A quorum of the Tribal | Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 197 by a vote of in favor, opposed, |
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| absent andabstentions. A quorum of the Trib  | al Council being present for such vote.  |
| Date: 12/14/97   | Charles Fisher, Council Secretary  |
| Attest:  | Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chair  |