



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution No. #98-1011-03**

Authorizing Tribal Council Chairperson/Speaker to  
Negotiate and Execute Revised Class III Gaming Compact with the  
State of Michigan

WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in order to promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government, enacted Pub. L. 100-497, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA); and

WHEREAS, The IGRA provides a statutory framework for the establishment of regulatory roles for the states, the federal government, and Indian tribes in tribal casino gaming operations; and

WHEREAS, Gaming has proven to be one avenue through which Indian tribes have successfully pursued economic growth, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government, resulting in substantial improvement in the quality of life of Michigan's Native American population; and

WHEREAS, Section 2710 of the IGRA provides, in part, that any Indian tribe may request the state to enter into negotiations for the purpose of entering into a Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of gaming activities on Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the mutual benefits that may arise from concluding gaming compacts that take into account the interests and concerns of all parties, negotiations have taken place pursuant to the IGRA between the State of Michigan and delegates representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 1995, a Tribal-State compact, which was substantially identical to the Tribal-State compacts negotiated by seven other Michigan Tribes, was signed by the Governor John Engler and Tribal Chairman Robert Guenthardt; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 1997, the Governor and Chairman Robert Guenthardt re-negotiated certain terms of Tribal-State Compact to provide the Tribe's with the exclusive right to operate electronic games of chance ("slot machines") and other forms of casino games in all areas of the State of Michigan

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outside the limits of the City of Detroit to accommodate the concerns of Legislative representatives interested in the Detroit gaming; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council's ratification of the January 29, 1997 Tribal-State Compact, expired on April 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Detroit have agreed to support the Legislative ratification of a Tribal-State Compact if the Compact were amended to restrict the Tribe's gaming operations to "Eligible Indian Lands" in Manistee or Mason Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the Tribal-State Compact proposed by the State representatives and presented by the Tribal Council Chairperson/Speaker Guenthardt on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will promote the interests of the people of Little River Band, consistent with the policies and provisions of the IGRA;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Chairperson/Speaker, to complete negotiation of a Tribal-State Compact, consistent with the terms of the agreement executed on January 29, 1997 and the amendment described above, and to execute the same on behalf of the Tribe.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Following the Michigan Legislature's concurrence, copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the United States Secretary of the Interior.

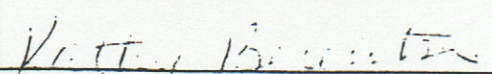
### Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session of the Tribal Council held on October 11, 1998, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions and 0 absent.

Date: 10/11/98

  
Charles Fisher, Council Secretary/Recorder

Attest:

  
Kathy Berentsen, Vice Chair