



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #99-0411-02

REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
TO THE LITTLE RIVER RESERVATION
AND

AUTHORIZING SUCH BIA OFFICERS TO ENFORCE TRIBAL AND FEDERAL LAWS
ON THE TRIBE'S RESERVATION LANDS IN MANISTEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994, with property rights secured to it under the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat. 621); and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is the political successor to, Grand River Ottawa Bands which were signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority to adopt laws and regulations to protect Tribal members and property pursuant to the powers vested in it by Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution, approved July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the regulation, control and prohibition of certain conduct on the Tribe's Reservation is necessary to protect the health, security and general welfare of the Tribe, its members, the general public and property on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has, pursuant to Ordinance No. 99-400-03, adopted a Law and Order Ordinance, which incorporates the Code of Federal Regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 11, Subparts C and D, as Tribal law; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has purchased nearly 350 acres of land within the Manistee Reservation, of which nearly 320 acres are presently held in trust by the United States of America for the Little River Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe presently lacks sufficient personnel and resources needed to police the Tribe's Reservation lands and enforce federal and Tribal laws applicable to Tribal lands, properties and persons under the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests of its members to request law enforcement assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to authorize BIA law enforcement personnel to enforce Tribal and federal laws in order to protect the public safety and welfare on the Tribe's Reservation; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Tribe and of the United States to protect Tribal members and Tribal property; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians requests the United States, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, assign law enforcement personnel to Manistee Michigan to assist the Tribe in its efforts to enforce and promote law and order provisions of Tribal and Federal law on the Tribe's Reservation lands. Such personnel should be assigned on a temporary basis until the Tribe obtains sufficient resources to develop its own law enforcement capacity and to assist the Tribe in the development of its law enforcement programs.

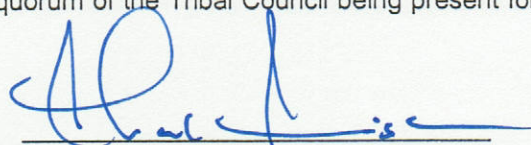
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute and issue written commissions to such BIA Law Enforcement personnel that may be assigned to the Tribe's Reservation, which commissions authorize such personnel to enforce Tribal and federal laws on the Tribe's Reservation.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan to verify the Tribe's need for the requested services.

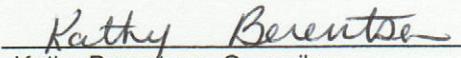
Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held in Manistee, Michigan on April 11, 1998, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 4/11/99


Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:


Kathy Berentsen, Councilor