



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #99-0527-05

**AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL ATTORNEY CONTRACT
TO INCREASE ANNUAL CEILING FOR FEES AND EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is vested with the legislative powers of the Tribe's sovereignty pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, of the Band's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, did approve a Special Counsel Contract with the law firm of Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim, for a period commencing October 1, 1995, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(i) of the Tribe's former Constitution and Bylaws, which contract has been extended for a period of two (2) years until September 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is satisfied with the services rendered under the contract in relation to treaty rights matters in U.S. v. Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the amount of work and travel required during Fiscal Year 1999 to adequately address the negotiation schedule and litigation planning in U.S. v. Michigan will substantially increase the requirements contemplated at the time the Contract was executed; and

WHEREAS, the attached Amendment has been prepared in order to increase the annual ceiling on fees in the contract from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and to increase the annual ceiling on expenses from \$7,500 to \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, under the attached Amendment all other provisions of the Contract would remain unchanged.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that the attached Amendment No. 3 to the Special Counsel attorney Contract with Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim, is hereby approved and the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the Tribe, forward

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the contract to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and request that the Amendment be approved by the Secretary or his designated agent.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians its Regular Session called for this purpose held on May 27, 1999, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 5/27/99


Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:


Donald Koon, Councilor