



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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I abstained

Resolution No. #99-0921-03

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the
Tribal Council Speaker to Execute Documents Necessary to
Complete the Acquisition of the "Dontz Farm" Properties**

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 Tribal Council and Tribal membership has determined that restoration of the Tribe's historic reservation land base and other lands within the Tribe's historic territory is a critical priority;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the Tribe's historic claim to Reservation lands in Manistee and Mason Counties in Michigan, as well as the Tribe's traditional ties to other Counties in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted a Reservation Restoration Plan to guide land acquisition efforts by the Tribe and the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan establishes as a priority, the acquisition of lands for community development purposes, including housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Housing Commission has, pursuant to the terms of a Purchase Agreement, dated May 27, 1999, contracted the purchase two parcels of land, known as the "Dontz Farm" properties (which properties are described on the attached Exhibit A), from Daniel Dontz for the purpose of developing such property for housing for Tribal members and other Tribal community purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to proceed with the purchase such properties from Daniel Dontz for the sum of \$472,455.30, exclusive of closing costs, in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Constitution, has the power to acquire lands which are deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Council Speaker is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, Joan Spalding, to execute any documents necessary to complete the purchase of the Properties at a date and time mutually agreeable to the Tribe and Mr. Dontz.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Tribal Attorney to approve all documents prior to the closing and to represent the Tribe at Closing.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with ___ FOR, ___ AGAINST, ___ ABSENT, and ___ ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 21, 1999, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

Kathy Berentsen, Councilor