

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #99-1023-<u>0</u>7

Approving Supplemental Appropriation for Legal Department For the Balance of Fiscal Year 1999 in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Net Gaming Revenues

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 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(a) of the Constitution, has the power the provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, 7(i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the number and complexity of the legal issues facing the Tribe has increased since the Fiscal Year 1999 budget for legal expenses was approved; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a party to, or is participating in, a number of litigation matters, which have exhausted the funds available for such expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has presented a request for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.00 to cover litigation and other legal expenses projected for the balance of 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the request for supplemental appropriations and supports the purposes defined in that request and that net gaming revenues received from July 1999 operations can be applied toward such expenses.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000.00 of the gaming revenues for the purposes defined in the attached appropriation request.

IT IS FURTHER 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 to request the transfer of \$100,000.00 from Account No. 01182019510 to the Tribe's general fund.

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 October 23, 1999, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

Kathy Berentsen, Councilor