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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. #99-1207-05

### RATIFYING CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH STRATUS CONSULTING FOR WORK RELATING TO U.S. v. MICHIGAN

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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians reserved certain rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather natural resources from the lands and waters in those portions of Michigan which were ceded under the 1836 Treaty. These treaty based rights were confirmed, in part, by United States v. Michigan, 471 F.Supp 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979); *affirmed*, 653 F.2d 277 (6th Cir. 1981); *certiorari denied*, 454 U.S. 1124, 102 S.Ct. 971 (1981), and reaffirmed by P.L. 103-324 section 5, and are protected by the United States Constitution (Art. 1, §8, cl. 3 and Art. 6, cl. 2); and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and preservation of the Tribe's treaty rights, including the reserved right to fish on the Great Lakes is a critical priority of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Tribal Council to protect Tribal members and Tribal property; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has executed a Consulting Contract with Professor Richard Bishop to perform tasks related to the provision of expert testimony in U.S. v. Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes and Professor Bishop will require the services of Stratus Consulting to compile the economic data and statistics needed by Professor Bishop to complete the work under his consulting contract;

WHEREAS, representatives of Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Little River have agreed to share the costs associated with the Consulting Agreement with Stratus Consulting; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that negotiation and execution of such an agreement is in the best interests of the Tribe.

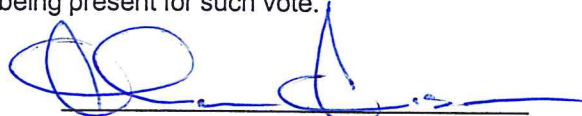
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Consulting Contract with Stratus Consulting which was executed by Tribal Manager, Robert Guenthardt, upon the recommendation of the Tribe's Special Council, Marc D. Slonim.

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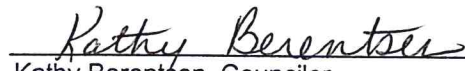
**Certificate of Adoption**

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at an Emergency Regular Session held for this purpose at the Tribal Community Center in Manistee, Michigan on December 7, 1999, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 12.7.99

  
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Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
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Kathy Berentsen, Councilor