



LEECH LAKE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

<BIA Funding Support for LLBO St. Regis Superfund Natural Resources Damage Related Activities >

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected and authorized governing body of the Leech Lake Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council recognizes the need for the assessment of potential natural resources damages caused by the St. Regis Paper Company Superfund Site (Site), a National Priority Listed (NPL) Site that is located entirely within the Leech Lake Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) does have funding available to assist Federally Recognized Tribes in addressing issues related to the protection of tribal trust resources and treaty rights, including the development of evidence, research services and the services of expert witnesses to support the Tribe's position regarding natural resource damages caused by (NPL) Superfund Sites.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council does hereby authorize the submission of a funding request to the BIA for \$155,000 in Litigation Support.

CERTIFICATION

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of _____ for, _____ against and _____ silent at a Regular Meeting of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on _____ at _____, Minnesota.

Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Chairman
Leech Lake Tribal Council

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council does hereby authorize the submission of a funding request to the BIA for \$173,180 in Attorney Fees.

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