



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 09-0429-114

*Approval of Intergovernmental Accord between the Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes of Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan to Address the Crucial Issues of Climate Change*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; 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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the critical importance of the health and quality of the Great Lakes, inland waters, air, geography, ecosystems, plants and wildlife to the physical, cultural and economic welfare and future of all citizens of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe agrees that climate change poses a grave threat to the environment, quality of life and economy of the citizens, and combining expertise and resources will aid the state and tribes to meet their shared commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has recommended that the Tribe enter into this Intergovernmental Accord with the State of Michigan; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan to Address the Crucial Issues of Climate Change.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the Ogema to designate a representative from the Executive Branch to serve on the Tribal-State Climate Change Forum.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 29, 2009, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



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Kimberly Alexander, Council Recorder



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Don Koon, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Council  
Tribal Ogema  
Tribal Court