Resolution # 09-0304-61
Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Election Ordinance

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Chíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišíhinaábek (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 Tribal Council adopted Ordinance #01-200-02 Election Ordinance; which required amendments in order to ensure compliance with the Constitution as amended on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Election Ordinance also required technical amendments to govern election of Board members rather than appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved posting amendments to the Election Ordinance on November 12, 2008; and
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WHEREAS, the amendments to the Election Ordinance were posted for public comment from November 12, 2008 to January 7, 2009, and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council held a final work session on February 25, 2009 at which it determined that permanent adoption of the proposed amendments to the Election Ordinance was necessary.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby permanently adopts, under authority of the Administrative Procedures Act – Ordinances, the attached amendments to the Election Ordinance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the attached amendments to the Election Ordinance are effective immediately.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 4 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 3 and ABSENT at a regular session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 4, 2009, at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Loretta Beccaria, Council Recorder

Attest:

Don Koon, Council Speaker

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