Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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Resolution #14-1105-342

Approving Regulations by the Natural Resource Commission and Approving Natural Resource Resolution NRC-2014-34 Authorizing Amendments to Camping Regulations R500-01:NRC-04 to Allow for Opening and Closing Dates for Camping at the Gathering Grounds

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anišchinaábek (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 Natural Resource Commission retains authority in regard to oversight of certain lands on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission voted on October 27, 2014, 3 FOR, 1 ABSENT to support in the form of Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission finds it necessary to oversee and regulate the lands known as the “Gathering Grounds” for the health, safety and welfare of the Tribe and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the “Gathering Grounds” shall be regulated for use with Open and Closed dates throughout the year; and
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts recommendations by the Natural Resource Commission in support of Establishing Interim Land-Use Restrictions for Tribal Lands, and Approving Regulations by the Natural Resource Commission and Approving Natural Resource Resolution NRC-2014-34 Authorizing Amendments to Camping Regulations R500-01:NRC-04 to Allow for Opening and Closing Dates for Camping at the Gathering Grounds.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 5, 2014, at the Little River Band’s Lodge in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker