

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
Manistee, MI 49660

**Resolution #14-0425-124**

*A Resolution Supporting the Little River Casino Resort Agent of Record Recommendation.*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anishinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a 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 legislative powers of the Little River Band are vested in Tribal Council in Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its members and to govern the conduct of members of the Little River Band and other persons within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution vests the sole authority in the Tribal Council to approve and ratify contracts and agreements entered into on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 5(a)(3) of the Tribe's Constitution vests the authority in the Ogema to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, subject to the express limitation that agreements and contracts reached must be approved or ratified by Tribal Council to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03, which has been amended from time-to-time; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution #11-1116-384 – Approving the Change in Agency Representation from Cadillac Insurance Agency to Gallagher Benefit Services for Tribal Government & Enterprises for Health Care and Related Coverage, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution #14-0423-120 – Clarifying Authority of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors and Little River Casino Resort General Manager to Take Action in Matters than Impact the Tribe’s Insurance Benefits Program;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has acted to rescind resolutions #11-1116-384 and #14-0423-120; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors seeks to obtain CBIZ as agent of record for its employees’ insurance policie(s);

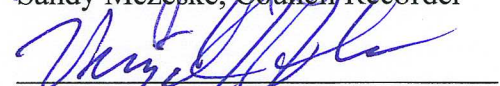
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council supports the Little River Casino Resort Board of Director’s establishment of CBIZ as its agent of record; and

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council supports the Board of Director’s written notice to Gallagher Benefit Services extinguishing a principal-agency relationship as to those employees.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 2 ABSENT, at a Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Emergency Open Session held on April 25, 2014 at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such a vote.

  
Sandy Mezeske, Council Recorder

  
Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

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