



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-0224-056

Update designated individuals authorized to sign Tribal Certificates of Exemption under the terms of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994, possessing inherent sovereignty, and federal statutory and common law rights of self-governance over the Tribe, its members, its territory, and all persons (natural and corporate) within its territory; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Band's inherent sovereignty as interpreted by Federal Common and Statutory Law, certain Federal and State Taxes do not apply to the Band, its members or within the Band's Indian Country;

WHEREAS, it is essential to the economic well being of the Band, its members and persons doing business within the Band's Indian Country that the exemptions and immunities from certain federal and state taxes be fully recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did, pursuant to Resolution No. #03-0205-33, ratify the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #04-0324-137, *Implementation of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan*

WHEREAS, the terms of that Tax Agreement require the Tribe to make certain decisions necessary to implement the terms of that Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema implemented this Agreement in the month of April 2004.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema wishes to update individuals authorized to sign Tribal Certificates of Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to rescind previous designations of individuals and entities authorized to participate in the implementation of the Tax Agreement and replace them with those contained in this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby confirms its ratification of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan, dated December 20, 2002, which has been executed by Ogema Jonnie J. Sam, II, on behalf of the Band and by Governor John Engler and State Treasurer Douglas Roberts on behalf of the State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council elects to use the *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* method for Sales and Use Tax Exemptions on its purchases, including purchases by Little River Casino Resort.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council elects to authorize Tribal members and Tribal Entities (as defined in the Tax Agreement), to use the *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* method for Sales and Use Tax Exemption on their purchases as authorized by the Tax Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's recommendation that the following individuals be the Tribal Officials authorized to sign *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* for purchases by the Tribal government, its subdivisions and for Tribal Members and Tribal Entities:

Larry Romanelli, Tribal Ogema
Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer
Michelle Lucas, Purchasing / Travel Supervisor
Cindy Gamelin, Purchasing Clerk

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's recommendation that the following individuals be authorized to sign *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* for purchases by Little River Casino Resort:

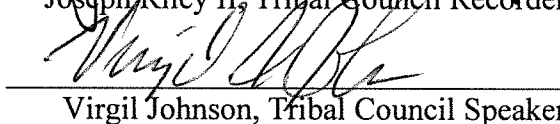
Loretta Beccaria, Purchasing Manager
Lee Ivinson, Director of Compliance
Dawn McGrady, Director of Finance
Diane Kerr, Purchasing Specialist

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council rescinds previous designations of individuals and entities authorized to participate in the implementation of the Tax Agreement and replace them with those contained in this resolution.

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 February 24, 2016, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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