



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**  
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Moved to  
Open Session  
02/24/16

**Resolution #16-0224-060**

*Authorizing Sonosky Chambers Law Firm to Represent the Tribe until the Completion of the  
NLRB case*

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

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed in 1994 by Public Law 103-324; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution by vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for and to protect the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(e) to employ legal counsel on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

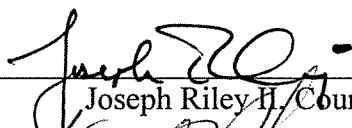
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has already authorized Sonosky Chambers to represent the Tribe at the Supreme Court of the United States of American in their efforts to have the Tribe's Cert Petition granted; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council already has an agreement in place that allows Sonosky Chambers to represent the Tribe;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) toward the fees and costs required to file, pursue, and argue the Cert Petition at the Supreme Court of the United States of America until the NLRB case is finally resolved; and

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

  
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Joseph Riley II, Council Recorder

  
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Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records  
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