



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution #16-0309-073

*Approval of Letter of Support to the Sponsors in the United States Congress for the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act*

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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to establish laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult and negotiate on behalf of the Little River Band with governments and political subdivisions, subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema have consulted on the issue of pending Congressional Legislation, and wish to inform the Congressional Sponsors of the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act of the Tribe's support of this legislation as a means to improve and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves the execution of a letter of support for the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act to be sent to the Congressional Sponsors of the Bills in the United States House of Representatives and in the United States Senate directly from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

**CERTIFICATION 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, 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council, held on March 9, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for the vote.

  
Joseph Riley II, Council Recorder

  
Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Council  
Tribal Ogema  
Unified Legal Department