



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution #16-0406-102**

*Resolution to Ratify the Resort's Agreement with the Neutral Election Official*

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 initial colonial powers to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) 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 federal law P.L. 103-324; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership, on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon 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 Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Casino Resort has received a de-certification card from a unit in the Union at the Resort; and

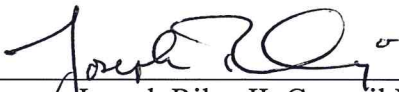
WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreements between the Tribe and this unit require the use of a Neutral Election Official to verify the signatures on the de-certification card and hold an election, if necessary; and

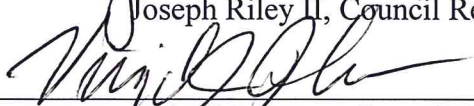
WHEREAS, the Resort entered into an agreement with a Neutral Election Official at an emergency Board of Director's meeting to avoid being in violation with the collective bargaining agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council ratifies the agreement between the Little River Casino Resort and the Neutral Election Official Hon. David Peterson.

**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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 6, 2016, at the Little River Band's Government Center 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:

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