



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**  
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**Resolution #16-0420-117**

*Authorizing Gaming at the Little River Casino Resort by Patrons Aged 18 Years and Older*

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 [codified at 25 U.S.C. §1300k-2(a)]; 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 Tribe's legislative powers are vested in the Tribal Council in Article IV of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and the adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) to govern the conduct of members of the Tribe and other persons within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(2) to promote, protect and provide for 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(f) 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 Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(j) to take action, not inconsistent with the Constitution or Federal law, which is necessary and proper to carry out the sovereign legislative powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council by adoption of the Gaming Ordinance, Ordinance #04-400-04, created the Gaming Commission as a regulatory commission and subordinate organization to manage the regulatory aspect of the Tribe's gaming enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council by adoption of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03, provided for the manner of oversight to the Little River Casino Resort; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council, by adoption of amendments to the Gaming Ordinance by Resolution #15-0211-030, authorized that individuals aged 18 years and older may engage in gaming at the Little River Casino Resort; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting on January 6, 2015, approved by motion revisions to the Commission's Chapter 7 Regulations governing the licensing of employees to accommodate for the licensing of individuals aged 18 – 21; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2015, approved by motion revisions to the Resort's Patron Registration Policy and Security Department Policy to accommodate the presence of individuals aged 18 – 21 on the gaming premises; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council by adoption of Resolution #15-0211-031, approved the regulatory amendments accommodating the licensing of individuals aged 18 – 21; and

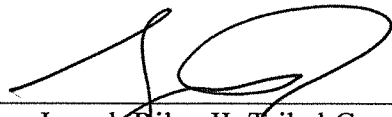
WHEREAS, the revisions to the Policies accurately provide for plans to accommodate patrons between the ages of 18 and 21 who wish to engage in gaming at the Resort; and

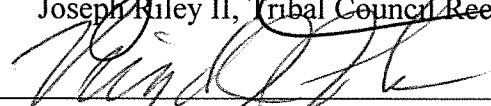
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors shall take all action necessary to implement any final policies or procedures to provide for gaming by patrons aged 18 – 20 no later than April 30, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that patrons aged 18 – 21 shall be permitted to engage in gaming at the Little River Casino Resort effective May 20, 2016.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 20, 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, Tribal Council Recorder

  
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Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors  
Gaming Commission  
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