



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-0810-224

Resolution of Support for the M-22 Pure Michigan Byway Designation

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 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 Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) pursuant to the Michigan Heritage Routes Act of 1993 (P.S. 69 or 1993 and amended 2014), is empowered to designate scenic, recreational, and historic highways in the State; and

WHEREAS, the public highway known as M-22 within Manistee County and Benzie County, which is 49.45 miles in length, starting at the southern point intersection of US 31 and M-22 ending at the northern point of Manning Road and M-22; and

WHEREAS, an effort and study has been undertaken by the Lakes-to-Land Communities for Collective Action M-22 Pure Michigan Byway Committee who is working to implement the goals of master plans written during the Lakes-to-Land Regional Initiative and those counties have expressed the desire to designate the M-22 highway a Pure Michigan Byway; and


WHEREAS, it is intended that an application to designate M-22 within the Benzie and Manistee Counties be submitted to MDOT in order to nominate this segment of M-22 as a Pure Michigan Byway.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby supports the designation of M-22 in Manistee and Benzie Counties as a Pure Michigan Byway and agrees to support the efforts of the communities; and

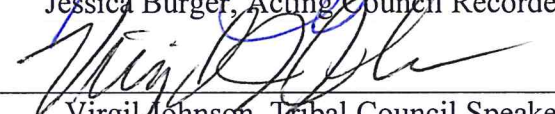
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will participate in the preparation of the required documents to apply for designation and be a member of the M-22 Pure Michigan Byway Committee.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 10, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Jessica Burger, Acting Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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