



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-1005-293

Replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day – Second Monday in October of each year

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; 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, Tribal Council wishes to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day that will be held on the Second Monday of every year; and

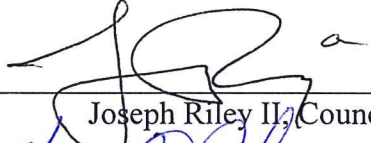
WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), Potawatomi (Potawatomi), and other indigenous peoples contribute to communities throughout Michigan, the United States of America and all of the world; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day will give an opportunity to educate the rest of the country about pre-existing indigenous cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America.

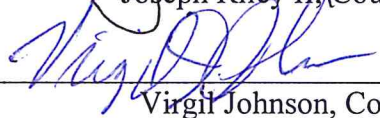
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT Columbus Day will now be replaced as Indigenous People's Day that will be on the second Monday of October each year.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 5, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

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