



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 16 -1221-409

*Ratification of Ratification of Traditional Healer Service Agreement with the Native American Church of the Morning Star Contract Term 1/2/2017 thru 12/31/2017*

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, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a contract from Director of Health Services, Don MacDonald to ; and


WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed, edited and approved by the Unified Legal Department; and

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Agreement with JD Gibson, Native American Church of the Morning Star.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 2 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 21, 2016, at the 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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                         Tribal Ogema  
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