



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
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Resolution #17-0308-096

Approval of Organizational Chart and Summer Legal Internship Program Modifying the Scope of the Unified Legal Department; Program #1020-109

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #15-0506-148 which approved the Organizational Chart and Job Descriptions of the Unified Legal Department

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #16-1207-383, which adopted the FY2017 Tribal Government Operations Budget; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.05(d) of the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04, the Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a program; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Legal Department Budget for 2017 has funds sufficient for four full time Staff Attorneys and the funds for the fourth Staff Attorney will not be used for the first half of the year; and

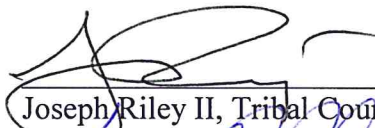
WHEREAS, the Unified Legal Department has determined that a summer intern position would benefit the department and foster education and interest in Indian Law.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council accepts and approves the attached Summer Legal Internship Program in the Unified Legal Department.

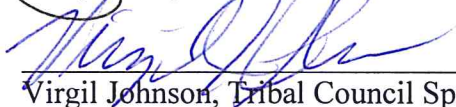
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council accepts and approves the attached Organizational Chart for implementation in the Unified Legal Department.

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, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 8, 2017 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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Unified Legal Department



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2017 Summer Legal Internship Program

Position: Legal Intern

Reporting to: Unified Legal Department Staff Attorneys

About the Program: Intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department in several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will assist the Unified Legal Department in its role as in-house legal counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Unified Legal Department provides legal services and representation to the Tribal Government and its Enterprises, including Elected Officials, Departments, Commissions, and the Little River Casino Resort. The position is paid at a rate of \$15.00-\$20.00 per hour, depending on experience. The position is temporary part-time and will last eight to twelve weeks. The Department is willing to accommodate a flexible schedule but wants a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week. Hours worked should conform to a schedule of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited law school.
2. Applicants must not currently be subject to any disciplinary action by an institution or entity, including but not limited to any education or law enforcement agency.
3. Applicants must pass a drug test and criminal background check. The Tribe adheres to a drug-free workplace policy.
4. Applicant must possess a valid state driver's license.

Interested Applicants should submit the following documents:

1. A cover letter highlighting your interest in federal Indian Law;
2. A current resume;
3. A copy of your law school transcript; and
4. A writing sample (optional).

Deadline: Applications must be received by April 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m. EST. Applications will be reviewed on a revolving basis until the position(s) is filled. Applicants may be sent via email to the Unified Legal Department at UnifiedLegal@lrboi-nsn.gov, or by U.S. mail to:

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Attn: Unified Legal Department
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the [LRBOI Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02.](#)

