



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #17-0906-297

Approving Rescinding Resolution #03-0604-147 Entitled: Withdrawal of Association with the Michigan Intertribal Council and Approving the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Rejoining the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

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, in 2003, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #03-0604-147 that severed the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians relationship with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. has opened various grant funding opportunities to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in spite of the fact that the tribe was not a member tribe; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the only Michigan Tribe that is not a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., and

WHEREAS, it was recommended to the Tribal Council, by various departments currently working with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., that it would be in the best interests of the tribe to reconsider its position in this regard, and


WHEREAS, after a number of due diligence meetings and work sessions that were held to review this matter in detail, the decision was made that it was in the best interests of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to rejoin the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the above described process culminated in a meeting in late August 2017 between L. John Lufkins, Executive Director of the Inter-tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. and the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians wherein there was general and mutual agreement to proceed.

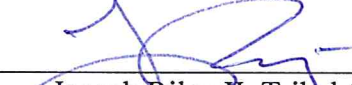
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Leadership of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby seeks to rejoin the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. and requests further approval on the part of Inter-Tribal Council Board of Directors to realize this desired outcome, an effort that will be facilitated by the Executive Director of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., Mr. L. John Lufkins,

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 September 6, 2016 at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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