



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Moved to  
Open Session  
09/20/17**

**Resolution # 17-0920-317**

*Approval of a Letter of Engagement with Varnum for Legal Services*

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 authorized under Article IV, Section 7(e) to employ legal counsel, subject to approval by the Secretary where approval is required by federal law; and

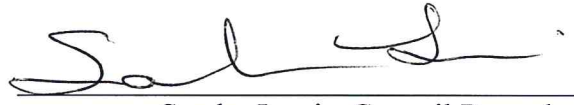
WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to engage a local law firm to handle legal issues on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, funding is available and budgeted within fund 4031, GL 5205, Unified Legal Department Budget.

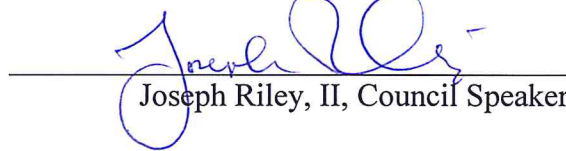
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the Ogema signing the letter of engagement with Varnum.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 20, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandra Lewis, Council Recorder



Joseph Riley, II, Council Speaker

Attest:

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