



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Open Session
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Resolution # 17-0920-322

Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2016 Financial Statements and Single Audit and the Independent Auditors' Report

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 adopted, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution and the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 which identifies how external audits are conducted and reported by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe conducts audits of its activities for the purpose of compliance with federal laws and agreements with external entities; and

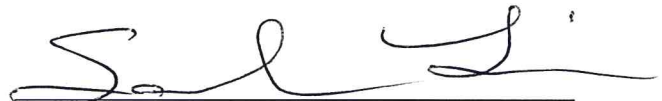
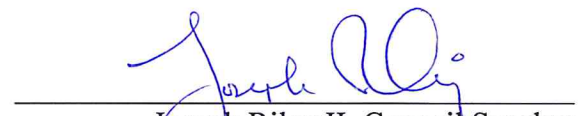
WHEREAS, the Tribe has caused to be conducted an audit of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Financial Statements and Single Audit and the Independent Auditors' Report by Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth for the year ended December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth has presented the Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal awards and Single Audit Reports and the Audit Related Communication Letter to Tribal Council in a work session on Tuesday, August 29, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal awards and Single Audit Reports and the Audit Related Communication Letter for the period ended December 31, 2016 and authorizes their electronic submission to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and other parties as deemed appropriate by the Finance Department.

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, 2017, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Sandy Lewis, Council Recorder
Joseph Riley II, Council Speaker

Attest:

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