



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #17-1011-344

*Support for the Development of an Economic Development Corporation built under the
Sovereign Laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinábek* (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

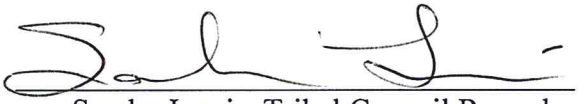
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby proclaims its resolute endorsement for the development of an Economic Development Corporation (EDC); and

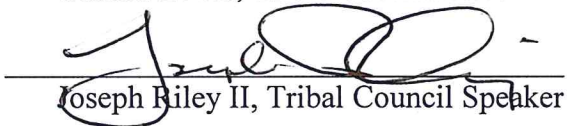
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said EDC development be supported by all appropriate departments and entities necessary to build this entity under the sovereign laws of the Nation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Tribal Council strongly encourages establishment of the EDC so it may aid the Nation in maintaining its economic sovereignty through eventual, significant support of funding for programs that are integral to the operations, financial, health, economic self-sufficiency, and continued existence of this Nation.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 11, 2017, at the 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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