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Resolution #17-1025-372

Approval of Amendment to Employment Contract for William Gregory for Prosecutor Transition Period

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 3, 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 established the Office of the Prosecutor through the adoption of Ordinance #11-400-09, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized under Article VIII, Section 8.02 of the Office of the Prosecutor Ordinance, to nominate an individual for the position of Prosecutor subject to confirmation by Tribal Council Resolution, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized under Article VI, Section 5(a) to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and

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WHEREAS, The Tribe and the Prosecutor desire to extend the term of the contract, rathered to by Tribal Council Resolution #13-1030-334, to cover the period of time the December 31, 2017 to avoid disruption of service and provide for a smooth transition period between the former and newly appointed Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has reviewed the amendment to the employment contract; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the amendment to the employment contract of William Gregory.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT during this transition period, the newly appointed Prosecutor will act as the Tribal Prosecutor whenever possible, with the former Prosecutor serving as acting Prosecutor when necessary and as an advisor during the transition. In the event of scheduled leave and an immovable court date, the former Prosecutor may fill in as Prosecutor.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT nothing in this Resolution shall be considered a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

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, _1_ABSTAINING, and _1_ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 25, 2017, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder

Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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