



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council
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Resolution #17-1213-429

*Resolution in Support of Legal Actions to Protect Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante
National Monument Status*

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) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals and education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(e) to employ legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, several native nations and environmental protection groups have filed lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the protection of all Tribe's sacred land, Tribal members and Tribal Natural and Cultural; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential proclamation of December 4, 2017 revoked monument status and protection for lands sacred to Native people and for lands that are an important natural resource for all people.

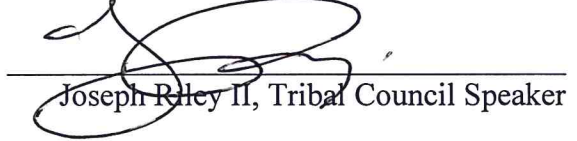
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council supports the intent of the legal actions to protect the National Monument status of sacred lands and valuable natural resources known as Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante.

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 December 13, 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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