

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## **Resolution # 18-0214-062**

Ratification of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for Air Monitoring Services

- 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 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 vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a MOA from the MDEQ for the mutual commitment to the operation of a meteorological ozone and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns monitoring station on tribal lands. Where MDEQ will provide assistance with audits, data validation and submittal, and equipment certification and maintenance
- WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed, by the Unified Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Contract shall be construed to be a waiver of the soprefession immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its subord 18 enterprises or entities and

WHEREAS, Venue for any dispute arising out of this Contract shall be the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. This Contract, and any disputes arising out of this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Agreement with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality incorporating the contents of this resolution.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>9</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>0</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 14, 2018, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandra Lewis, Council Recorder

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Attest:

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