

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council
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Resolution #19-0109-004

Authorizing ULD to include LRBOI as Signatory on the Brief for the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Association of American Indian Affairs, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Child Welfare Association, and other Indian Organizations in support of Appellants in Brackeen v. Zinke. (Docket Number 18-11479)

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, the Native American Right Fund is seeking signatories to an Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Appellants for the commitment to well-being of Indian children and understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and promoting and securing national conformity with


ICWA's procedural and substantive mandates in state child welfare and adopting proceedings involving Indian children;

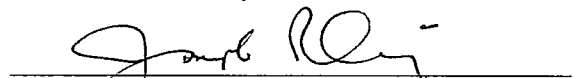
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is committed to achieving the best interests of Indians Children while preserving Indians Families and tribes.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Unified Legal Department to include Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a signatory on the Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Appellants in *Brackeen v. Zinke* (docket no. 18-11479).

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 Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 9, 2019 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder


Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

cc: Council Records
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Unified Legal Department