

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indian**  
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**Resolution #19-0605-145**

*Appointing Representatives to the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)*

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) 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 adopted resolution #03-0215-48 which identified that the Tribe met the qualifications to become a member of the National Indian Gaming Association (*NIGA*), authorized payment of dues, and appointed Jonnie J. Sam, II as representatives, and Janine M. Sam and Carol Bennett as alternates; and

WHEREAS, members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have elected new members to the Tribal Council in the 2019 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that re-appointing the delegate and alternates for the National Indian Gaming Association (*NIGA*) is an appropriate action.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby appoints the following persons as Representative and Alternate Representatives(s), and instructs them to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and that such designation shall continue for so long as the delegated shall hold office as Ogema or members of Tribal Council.

Delegate: Larry Romanelli, Ogema


Alternate: Ron Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Alternate: Tom Guenthardt, Tribal Council

Alternate: Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council

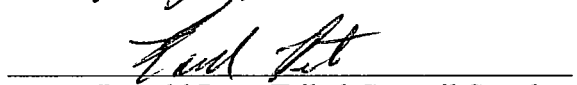
**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

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 June 5, 2019 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



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Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder



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Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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