

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #19-0626-173

APPROVAL BY THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST TRIBAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION (MTERA)

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 deems it in the best interest of the Tribe to seek out renewable energy resources for a long term commitment to reduce the Tribe's carbon footprint and dependence on fossil fuels for the betterment of the Tribe and environment; and

WHEREAS, the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) brings Midwest tribes together to create a clean, secure, sustainable energy future for tribes and its neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a state and federally recognized Indian Tribe in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is passionate about energy and is committed to promoting a sustainable and secure energy future for Tribes and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to support providing energy opportunities and resources to Midwest tribes that advances energy policy and development through collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes and supports MTERA, a regional organization that empowers Midwest tribes to manage energy resources through collective action; and

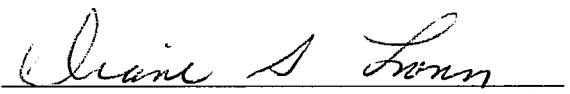
WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes and supports MTERA's bylaws, strategic plan, and member-tribe commitments; and

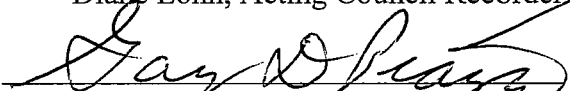
WHEREAS, the Tribe shall retain its sovereign immunity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council hereby authorizes and supports the Tribe's membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) and appoints Gary Lewis to the MTERA Board of Directors (person to vote) and Diane Kerr as the Tribe's proxy member. Designated representatives are eligible to serve as a member, on the Board of Directors, as an officer and/or on committees.

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 26, 2019, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Diane Lonn, Acting Council Recorder


Gary Di Piazza, Acting Council Speaker

Attest:

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