

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Resolution #19-0710-183

Authorizing Electronic Signature Approval for Secure Processes

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promoted, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized by Article V, Section 5(a)(1) to enforce and execute the ordinances, resolutions and motions adopted by the Tribal Council consistent with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has implemented rules for submission for agenda items for approval and further approved purchasing regulations for procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council by Resolutions # 02-0515-14 and # 04-0114-15 has previously prohibited the use of signature stamps; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema, by and through the Unified Legal Department, has identified a process to encourage the reduction of paperwork and to optimize the contract approval process through electronic signature approvals and notifications; and

WHEREAS, similar to the time clock approval software, the process utilizes a software program that requires unique user names and passwords for every individual involved in the approval process for agenda items including but not limited to purchasing requisitions, sole source memo, and agenda requests.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that electronic signature approval is authorized for processes that are secure and require a unique user id and password.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the prohibition on signature stamps as described in Resolutions # 02-0515-14 and # 04-0114-15 for all government employees and elected officials shall remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the abuse or misuse of electronic signature approval may be referred to the Tribal Prosecutor and may be used as grounds for employment discipline up to and including termination.

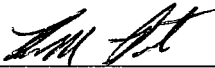
FINALLY IT IS RESOLVED that signatures are required for contract execution and resolution certification.

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 July 10, 2019, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Council Recorder



Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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