



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #19-0918-245

*Tribal Council Confirmation of the Existence, Need, and Role of
Little River Holdings, LLC as the Parent Economic Development Entity of the Nation*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinábek* (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, after years of study regarding the best approach for economic sovereignty distinct and separate from the gaming enterprise, Tribal Council initially supported the building of an Economic Development Corporation under the sovereign laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians through the adoption of resolution #14-800-02, creating the LLC Ordinance. Reinforcing this initial directional resolution, Tribal Council subsequently adopted resolutions #15-0415-112, #15-0506-146, #16-0727-215, #16-1214-389, #17-1011-344, #17-1115-397, and #18-1205-363, so that it might aid the Nation in constructing alternate pathways to its economic sovereignty, supported by all appropriate departments necessary to build an Economic Development Corporation under the sovereign laws of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, recent case law articulated the importance of tribal councils recognizing their Economic Development Corporations as critical arms of their tribes for sovereign immunity purposes; and

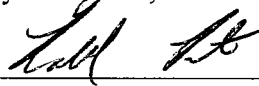
THEREFORE, Tribal Council confirms its continued support for the actions, existence, need, and role of Little River Holdings, LLC (EDC) as the parent economic development entity of the Nation, which acts as the direct link between related entities and subsidiaries including Little River Government Contracting, LLC, Little River Capital Management, LLC, Little River Real Estate Management, LLC, Little River Health Technologies, LLC, Little River Development, LLC, and the will of the Tribal Council and Ogema, wherein profit and/or tribal community oriented business will be housed that are integral to the operations, financial health, economic self-sufficiency, and continued existence of the Nation.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 18, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Pete", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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