



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #19-1211-338

Resolution in Support of Economic Development

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, 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, and #17-1011-344, 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, after Tribal Council's extensive work to empower the Economic Development Corporation consistent with the Revenue Allocation Plan (adopted by resolution #08-0123-20), it further documented its support through resolutions #16-1214-389, #17-1115-397, and #18-1205-363, which authorized the establishment of economic development funds from dollars not spent by the Commerce Department to support its mission and that of the Revenue Allocation Plan articulated in Section 5 of said plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tribal Council hereby reinforces its consistent support for the mission of the Economic Development Corporation by ordering the tribal CFO, upon satisfaction of there being unused funds in the 2019 Commerce Department budget, to release those unused funds to Little River Holdings, LLC for its work of building and protecting alternative pathways to increase economic sovereignty for this Nation.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 11, 2019, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder


Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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