



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**  
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**Moved to  
Open Session  
12/11/19**

**Resolution #19-1211-342**

*Approving Tribal Ogema to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Michigan Indian  
Legal Services*

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 by Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Tribe with political subdivisions or private parties on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #19-0807-218 supporting Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) Application for AmeriCorps grant funding to develop a medical-legal partnership with the Tribe; 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 Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tribe with governments, political subdivisions and private parties, subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema by and through the Unified Legal Department has negotiated the memorandum of understanding with MILS.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's execution of the MOU with MILS for a medical-legal partnership.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 11, 2019 at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder

  
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Ron Pete, Council Speaker

cc: Council Records  
Tribal Ogema  
Unified Legal Department