



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #20-0102-007

Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List and support for Tribal Management through the 2007 Inland Consent Decree

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 did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to remove protections of the Michigan Gray Wolf; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognizes the cultural significance and relationship that the Anishinabek people have with their cousin the wolf; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission opposes the proposed removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the federal endangered and threatened species list and puts forward Resolution NRC 2019-1014-01; and

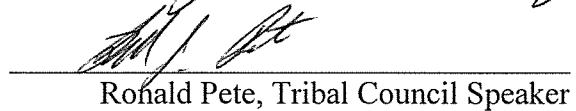
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians urges the Fish and Wildlife Service to leave the Michigan Gray Wolf on the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List but in the alternative urges the Fish and Wildlife Service to support Tribal Management and Protection of Michigan Gray Wolves within the 1836 territory by the Tribes through management in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

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 January 2, 2020, 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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