



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Open Session
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Resolution #20-0108-013

Approving Contract Between Little River Casino Resort and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Renewing Administrative Services Contract for 2020

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) of the Constitution 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 is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to establish laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution of the Tribe to create subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the enterprises of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03, by Tribal Council Resolution on January 11, 2017; and

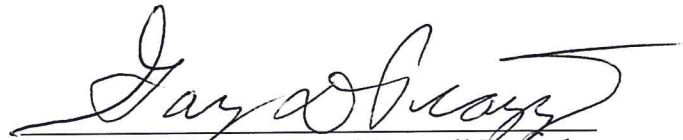
WHEREAS, Section 16.04. of the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010 provides contracts in excess of \$250,000.00 or contracts with any vendor that exceed \$250,000 within a rolling eighteen (18) month period shall require Tribal Council approval; and

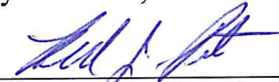
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has been presented with a contract between the Little River Casino Resort and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for healthcare administrative services for 2020.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that The Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the contract between the Little River Casino Resort and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and authorizes execution by the General Manager.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Closed Session Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 8, 2020 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Council Recorder

Ron Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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