



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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**Moved to
Open Session
1/15/20**

Resolution # 20-0115-023

Approval of MOU with Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

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 is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a Memorandum of Understanding from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to encourage cooperation and access to services for tribal members who are veterans; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been reviewed by Unified Legal Department; and

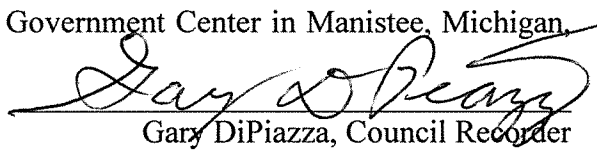
WHEREAS, nothing in this MOU shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its subordinate enterprises or entities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the MOU with Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT government staff may execute the VetraSpec User Agreement and User Setup Form in order to fully realize the benefits of this collaborative partnership.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 15, 2020, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder


Ron Pete, Council Speaker

Attest:

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Tribal Ogema