



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Open Session
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Resolution # 20-0122-029

Approving the Tribal Ogema to Submit the Attached Letter to Governor Whitmer to Request the Inclusion of Internet Gaming and Sports Betting in the Tribe's Compact with the State of Michigan

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Zilbi 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 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 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, Section 3B of the Tribal State Gaming Compact allows the Tribal Chairperson to request amendments to the compact from the Governor of Michigan; and

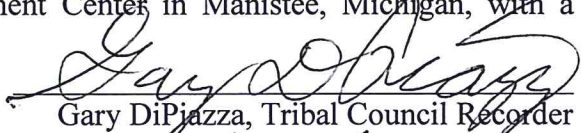
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has passed legislation approving online gaming and sports betting including authorization for the Governor to approve amendments to tribal compacts to allow for these activities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorize the Ogema's execution of the attached letter to Governor Whitmer.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the application for online gaming and sports betting licensing, which includes a limited waiver of tribal sovereignty for jurisdiction and enforcement actions related to the licensing of this activity.

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 22, 2020, at the 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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 Tribal Ogema