



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Resolution #20-0513-135

Resolution in Support of the Tribal Amicus Brief in the Case Standing Rock, et al. v. US Army Corps of Engineers.

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 and education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the welfare, care, and protection of Tribal Members and recognize the importance of treaty rights for all Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council passed Resolution #16-08170-239 in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

WHEREAS, Little River shares an interest in maintaining the federal government's duty to protect the health and welfare of Tribes, including the natural resources necessary to sustain them and Little River believes that the Tribal Amici group offers critical context regarding the grave consequences of disregarding Tribal treaty rights.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby supports an amicus brief for this case and authorizes the Unified Legal Department to take the necessary actions to join Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a signatory.

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 Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 13, 2020 via teleconference with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder



Ron Pete, Council Speaker

cc: Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Unified Legal Department