



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #20-0812-218

Approval to submit a grant application to the US Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), for a Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant

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 Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is providing competitive funding to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe supports the exploration of establishing a Tribal electrical utility Authority to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure; and

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian (LRBOI) as a part of the LRBOI Energy Development Capacity Project would like to:


1. Establish a comprehensive baseline
2. Define LRBOI energy vision and roadmap
3. Build LRBOI's energy development capacity ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council supports a grant application to the US Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), for a Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 12, 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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