



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #20-1021-301

*Authorizing the Biskaabiiyang (to return to oneself) Committee, Work Plan and
Establishing procedures for Committee*

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 authorized by Article IV, Section 7(f) to create by ordinance regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #07-150-08 create the Committee Ordinance to describe how responsibility is specifically delegated in order to collect and organize information to assist the Tribal Council in understanding, identifying or addressing the needs of the Tribal Membership and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Biskaabiiyang Work Plan was posted for thirty (30) day comment on July 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed Work Plan and held a final Work Session after the thirty (30) day comment period ended to review comments on the Work Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Biskaabiiyang Committee operation in accordance to the Section 4.03 and 4.04 of the Committee Ordinance as follows:

- a. To operate under the approved Work Plan.
- b. To gather public comment and organize that information to be submitted to the Tribal Council
- c. To conduct meetings and collect information.
- d. No Committee shall have the authority to act, represent or otherwise commit the Tribe, its resources or set policy on behalf of the Tribe unless it is specifically delegated such authority in creating resolutions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the Work Plan attached and interested Tribal Members will be able to submit letters of interest to the Ogema and Carbon Copy (CC) Tribal Council until November 6, 2020 or until all seven (7) positions are filled and notice of this timeline will be published in the Current Newspaper and the Tribal Website. After the deadline, the Ogema shall submit to Tribal Council Tribal Members to serve on the Biskaabiiyang Committee for review and approval.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the following Tribal Councilors will be liaisons for the Biskaabiiyang Committee:

- a. Dave Corey;
- b. Ron Wittenberg; and
- c. Gary DiPiazza.

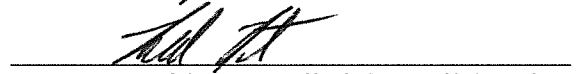
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Biskaabiiyang Committee will begin as a voluntary committee with no stipend amount set. This shall be reviewed by Council at the request of the Committee on an annual basis.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 21, 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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