

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

MANISTEE ELDERS GROUP

MOTION # 0503 – 0003 – 25

Amend the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitutional language referencing persons enrolled in the Band from “Member/Members” to read “Citizen” to accurately reflect the political status of the individuals duly enrolled in our Band.

We, the Elders of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, located in Manistee, Michigan, established under the authority of Ordinance #07-150-08, Committees Ordinance, specifically delegated to collect and organize information to assist Tribal Council in understanding, identifying and addressing the needs of the Tribal Membership and the Community; and

Operating under the Approved Elders Committee Work Plan adopted by Resolution #17-0404-119, having gathered comment and information at the Elder’s Meeting on April 12, 2025, from the Elders in attendance; and

Per the Consensus and Affirmation of the Elders in Attendance April 12, 2025, MOVE THAT the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians language be amended to reflect the true political status of the individuals duly enrolled in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

*FURTHER MOVE THAT this change is consistent with Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (Commerce Clause) of the United States Constitution, and Article II, Section 2 (Treaty Clause) of the US Constitution creating the unique political status of Tribe’s, upheld in *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia* (1831); and*

FURTHER MOVE THAT changing the language to reflect citizenship status elevates the relationship between the enrolled tribal individual and their government; and

FINALLY MOVE THAT this motion be forwarded onto the Election Board of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for the purpose of calling a Secretarial Election to incorporate the change as soon as possible in the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Affirmed by a vote of the elders in Attendance 04/12/2025 and reaffirmed by vote of the Elders in attendance on 05/03/2025.

Attest: _____ Date: _____