

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

MANISTEE ELDERS GROUP

MOTION # 0503 – 0001 – 25

Establishing a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of Reviewing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution (as amended) and required to establish the governance of LRBOI under P.L. 103-324 (Reaffirmation), to consider updates and amendments to the ‘living document’ governing our People.

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 Tribal Council adopt a Resolution to Establish a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of reviewing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution (as amended); and

FURTHER MOVE THAT the Convention occurs tri-annually; and

FURTHER MOVE THAT delegates be selected from a pool of individuals who submit their name, enrollment status/tribal identification number, address and expressed interest in serving at the Convention to represent the following land-based interests:

1. On Reservation – Manistee & Mason Counties; 6 representatives/delegates
2. Near Reservation – Lake & Wexford Counties; 6 representatives/delegates
3. Service Delivery Area – Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo, Kent, & Ottawa Counties; 2 representatives/delegates for each county
4. Outlying Area – 6 delegates
5. At-Large Area – 6 delegates

Each representative/delegate to be chosen at random from the pool of interested parties; and

FINALLY MOVE THAT this motion be given full consideration for adoption to establish a Constitutional Convention for the purpose outlined herein.

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: _____