



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**
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Resolution #21-0604-144

Authorizing Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians as Signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Little Traverse Bay Bands v Gretchen Whitmer, et al Currently Pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinábek* (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, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is currently reviewing the matter *Little Traverse Bay Bands v Gretchen Whitmer, et. al.*; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the protection of Tribal treaty rights and the sovereign power of tribal nations; and

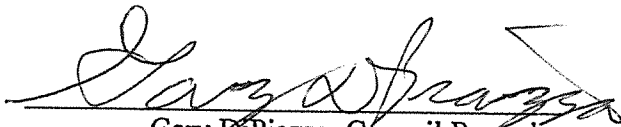
WHEREAS, the *Little Traverse Bay Bands v Gretchen Whitmer, et. al.* case represents a significant issue for Tribes who signed the 1855 Treaty; and

WHEREAS, Tribal interests are represented in a Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in the matter.

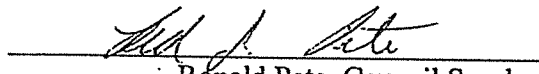
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in the matter *Little Traverse Bay Bands v Gretchen Whitmer, et. al.*

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 an Emergency Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 4, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder



Ronald Pete, Council Speaker

cc: Council Records
Tribal Ogema