



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-0728-190

Appointing Delegate and Alternates to National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

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 adopted resolution #03-0215-49 which identified that the Tribe met the qualifications to become a member of the National Congress of American Indians (*NCAI*), authorized payment of dues, and appointed Jonnie J. Sam, II as delegate, and Stephen Parsons, Janine M. Sam and Pamela Medahko as alternates; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have elected new members to the Tribal Council in the 2021 General Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that re-appointing the delegate and alternates for National Congress of American Indians is an appropriate action;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby appoints, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws of National Congress of American Indians, the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s), and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing in the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the Annual Convention, Mid-Year Conference and Executive Council Meetings and that such designation shall continue for so long as the delegated shall hold office as Ogema or members of Tribal Council.

Delegate: Larry Romanelli, Ogema

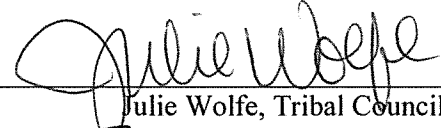
Alternate: Cindy Champagne, Tribal Council

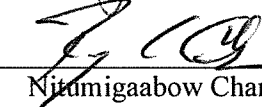
Alternate: Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council

Alternate: Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Council

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 July 28, 2021, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder


Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

Attest:

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