



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**
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Resolution #21-0915-219

Authorizing Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians as Signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the San Carlos Apache Tribe v. Becerra Currently Pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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) 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 Ninth Circuit is currently reviewing the matter *San Carlos Apache Tribe v. Becerra*; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the protection of the Indian Self-Determination Act; and

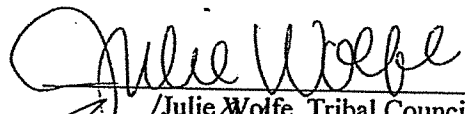
WHEREAS, the named case is requesting the court to determine if the Indian Self-Determination Act requires IHS to pay contract support costs associated with the portion of a tribal healthcare program funded with third-party revenues; and

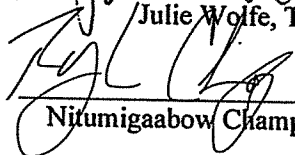
WHEREAS, Tribal interests are represented in a Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in the matter.

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 San Carlos Apache Tribe in the matter *San Carlos Apache Tribe v. Becerra*.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 15, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder


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cc: Council Records
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