Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution #21-0922-225

Update designated individuals authorized to sign Tribal Certificates of Exemption under the terms of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

- WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized by Article V, Section 5(a)(1) to enforce and execute ordinances, resolutions and motions adopted by the Tribal Council consistent with the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did, pursuant to Resolution #03-0205-33, ratify the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #04-0324-137, Implementation of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS, the terms of that Tax Agreement require the Tribe to make certain decisions necessary to implement the terms of that Agreement; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema implemented this Agreement in the month of April 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema wishes to update individuals authorized to sign Tribal Certificates of Exemption; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to rescind previous designations of individuals and entities authorized to participate in the implementation of the Tax Agreement and replace them with those contained in this resolution.
- NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby confirms its ratification of the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan, dated December 20, 2002, which has been executed by Ogema Jonnie J. Sam, II, on behalf of the Band and by Governor John Engler and State Treasurer Douglas Roberts on behalf of the State of Michigan.
- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council elects to use the *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* method for Sales and Use Tax Exemptions on its purchases, including purchases by the Little River Casino Resort.
- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council elects to authorize Tribal Members and Tribal Entities (as defined in the Tax Agreement), to use the *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* method for Sales and Use Tax Exemption on their purchases as authorized by the Tax Agreement.
- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's recommendation that the following individuals be the Tribal Officials authorized to sign *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* for purchases by the Tribal government, its subdivisions and for Tribal Members and Tribal Entities:

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> Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Manager Cindy Gamelin, Purchasing Clerk

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's recommendation that the following individuals be the Tribal Officials authorized to sign *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* for purchases by the Little River Casino Resort:

Dawn McGrady, Director of Finance Lee Ivinson, Director of Compliance Tara Lyman, Purchasing Manager Bonnie Kenny, General Buyer

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Tribal Council rescinds previous designations of individuals and entities authorized to participate in the implementation of the Tax Agreement and replace them with those contained in this resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 4 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 22, 2021, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan and via ZOOM with a quorum being present for such vote.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder

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Attest:

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