



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-1020-252

Seven Generational Planning & Visioning

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 Tribe is a treaty signer of the Treaty of Chicago [August 29, 1821], Treaty of Washington [March 28, 1836], and the Treaty of Detroit [July 31, 1855]; 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 Tribe has territorial jurisdiction that includes all lands of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians including but not limited to Manistee Reservation in Manistee County (Michigan), and Custer and Eden townships in Mason County (Michigan) and all lands held in trust by the Tribe or any member of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to exercise the inherent powers of the Little River Band by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions not inconsistent with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a)2 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)2 to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members. All expenditures of funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets authorized by resolution or in accordance with ordinances of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(j) to take action, not inconsistent with this Constitution or Federal law, which shall be necessary and proper to carry out the sovereign legislative powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 10(a) to any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Little River Band but not expressly referred to in this Constitution shall not be diminished, abridged, or divested; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 10(b) to exercise such additional powers as may be conferred upon the Tribe in the future by law, by the Secretary of the Interior, or by any other duly authorized official or agency of the federal government, state or local government, or by another Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it has the obligation and authority to establish the Tribe's Strategic Plan under the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 Article V, Section 5.02; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it has a need to comply with the Tribe's adopted Strategic Plan as required under the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 Article V, Section 5.02 and the goals and objectives set-forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the current Legislative Branch structure does not allow for the inherent powers of the Tribal Council to be able to fully develop and guide the creation and compliance with the Tribe's Strategic Plan without additional resources and positions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds adoption of resolution *Seven Generational Planning & Visioning* will provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members.

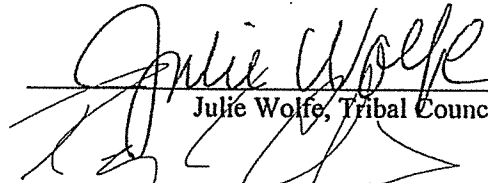
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT,

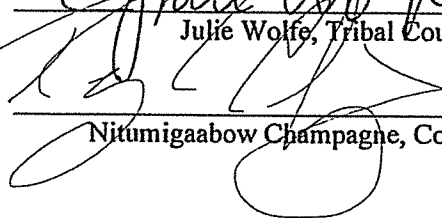
1. Tribal Council authorizes the creation of three positions under the Legislative Branch to aid the Tribal Council and Speaker in development and compliance of the Tribe's Strategic Plan; and to assist in the identification of resources for the Tribe; and

2. Tribal Council authorizes the Speaker and/or designee to create of a job description and salary range for the newly created position of Strategic Planning Specialist or shortened title as deemed appropriate; and
3. Tribal Council adopts the revised Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Organization Chart that places the new positions of Strategic Planning Specialist under the Legislative Director;
4. This Resolution shall not impact the current Tribal Budget in any form and implementation of such positions is contingent on supplemental appropriation and/or future appropriations in the Tribal Budget.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 20, 2021, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder


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Attest:

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