



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-1027-262

Protecting Tribal Sovereignty, Our Lands, and Reservation Restoration for the next Seven Generations.

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 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(c) to purchase, lease, take by gift, take by devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire land, interest in land, personal property or other assets which may be deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(d) to approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Little River Band land, interest in land, personal property or other assets; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the members and the Tribe to protect the lands of the Tribe by ensuring all lands owned by the Tribe in legal title, are placed into federal trust status on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that all unused federal lands within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe be transferred to the Tribe in accordance with federal rules and regulations, law, and precedent; and

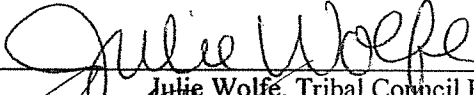
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds adoption of resolution *Protecting Tribal Sovereignty, Our Lands, and Reservation Restoration for the next Seven Generations* will provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT,

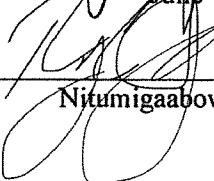
1. Tribal Council authorizes the Ogema and/or designee and Legal Department to start the process of placing all lands owned by the Tribe in legal title, are placed into federal trust status on behalf of the Tribe within 180 days and that all lands acquired for the Tribe in legal title from the time of this resolution shall have the process started within 90 days of acquiring of such lands; and
2. Tribal Council authorizes the Ogema and/or designee and Legal Department to start the process to acquire all unused federal lands within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe to request to be transferred to the Tribe in accordance with federal rules and regulations, law, and precedent within 180 days.

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 27, 2021, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder



Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

Attest:

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