



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #21-1117-289

Restoring Our Anishinaabek Homelands 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 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) and to implement and administer services for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV Section 7(c), has the power to purchase or otherwise acquire land which may be deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the tribe has begun receiving Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement in January of 2021 with no tribal plan to allocate and/or spend these funds. The Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement stream is expected to continue monthly as long as we are contracted with our Online Gaming provider; and

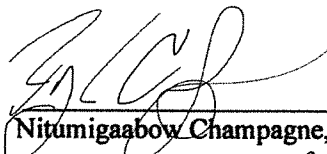
WHEREAS, Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its citizens and to be able provide for the peace, moral, and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members action is needed in Restricting Online Gaming Tax Reimbursements for the purpose of *Restoring Our Anishinaabek Homelands for the Next Seven Generations*

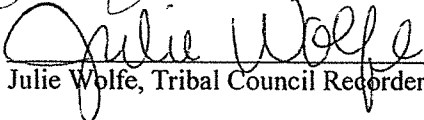
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT,

1. The Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves a separate, restricted account for Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement under Tribal Council; and
2. The restricted account of Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement funds shall be restricted for purchasing lands within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's Reservations, Indian Country, or lands that are deemed beneficial to the Tribe, that is all land purchases brought forward shall be approved by resolution by the Tribal Council; and
3. Such land purchases are limited to lands that intended use at the time of purchase is for housing, government services or operations, or hunting and gathering purposes; and
4. Such lands purchases shall not include any lands whose primary purpose is for economic development or enterprises at the time of purchase; and
5. At the time of purchasing of land Tribal Council shall designate usage of land; and
6. The funds shall be placed in an interest bearing investment account as determined by Tribal Council and recommended by the Tribe's CFO.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 17, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder

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