



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-1124-294

Appointment of Tribal Child Welfare Qualified Expert Witnesses and Rescinding Resolution #18-0711-218 that Recognized Jason Cross as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Qualified Expert Witness

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 Indian Child Welfare Act requires a Qualified Expert Witness to testify in order to remove a child and place into foster care or terminate parental rights; and

WHEREAS, Jason Cross, former Director of Family Services Department is currently identified as the Qualified Expert Witness for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Tribal Council Resolution #18-0711-218 and needs to be removed as the Qualified Expert Witness; and

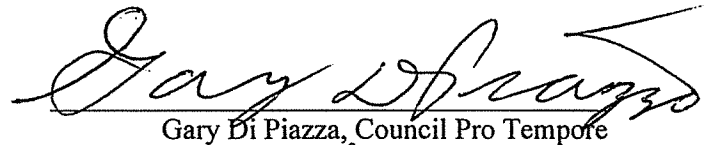
WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Director, Family Services Supervisor, provided they are LRBOI Citizens, and/or Binojueek Commissioners can act as Qualified Expert Witnesses; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, appoint the Health and Human Services Director, Family Services Supervisor, provided they are LRBOI Tribal Members, and/or Binojueek Commissioners as Qualified Expert Witnesses.

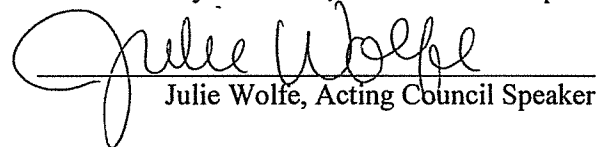
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution #18-0711-218, recognizing Jason Cross as the Qualified Expert Witness, is rescinded.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 24, 2021, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary Di Piazza, Council Pro Tempore



Julie Wolfe, Acting Council Speaker

Attest:

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