



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council
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Resolution #21-1208-302

Resolution Authorizing Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians as Signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians v. Whitmer Currently pending before the Supreme Court

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) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals and education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians has petitioned the United States Supreme Court to review the decision of the 6th circuit in *Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians v. Whitmer*; and

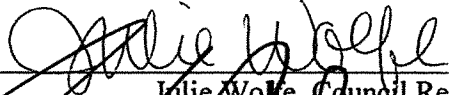
WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the protection of Tribal Interests and the clarification of whether the 1855 Treaty of Detroit established a Federal Reservation for Little Traverse; and

WHEREAS, Tribal interests are represented in a Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians Tribe in the matter.

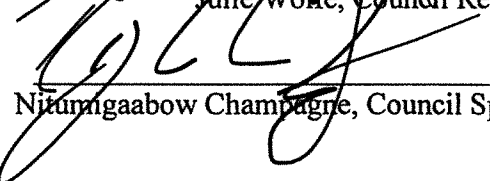
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, through the Legal Counsel, to be as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians in the matter *Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians v. Whitmer*.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at an Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 8, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Julie Wolfe, Council Recorder



Nitumgaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

cc: Council Records
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Unified Legal