



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**
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Resolution # 21-1215-309

One-hundred (100%) Enrollment Audit of Membership Files

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 Constitution establishes criteria for enrollment of membership of the tribe under Article II - Membership; and

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized by Article V, Section 5(a)(1) to enforce and execute the ordinances, resolutions and motions adopted by the Tribal Council consistent with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council adopted Ordinance No. 04-200-01 Enrollment Ordinance that specified enrollment procedures and policies; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 04-200-01 Enrollment Ordinance requires under Section 15.01. that a file review shall be conducted every five (5) years as defined in Article XV of the Ordinance and such review is required at this time; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has determined that throughout the years since inception of this government enrollment of membership has been questioned and caused serious and tumultuous dissent amongst the membership; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has determined that a one-hundred percent (100%) enrollment audit of all currently enrolled membership is warranted to allow for the tribe to move forward in a good way and promote healing amongst its nation; and

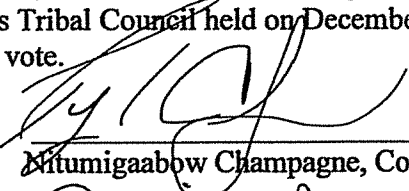
WHEREAS, Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Tribe and members that an enrollment audit of membership files will provide for the peace, moral, and general welfare; and

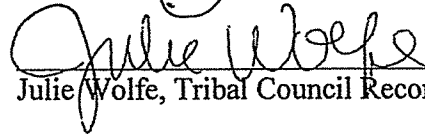
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT,

1. The Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby mandates a One-hundred percent (100%) Enrollment Audit of all active and/or open Membership Files and all files where a person has said membership in the Tribe; and
2. Such audit shall commence within sixty (60) days of enactment of this resolution; and
3. A Request for Proposal shall be published and sent to a minimum of three (3) firms that specialize in tribal enrollment audits and no such firm shall be utilized that has previously conducted an audit in the last ten years; and
4. All criteria utilized for determination of membership in the tribe shall only be based on the criteria set forth under the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution under Article II – Membership and in accordance with all Appellate Court opinions regarding enrollment matters of the tribe; and
5. Enrollment Department shall assist in development of the Request for Proposal and selection of the firm; and
6. Enrollment Department shall comply and assist with the auditors selected; and
7. The Ogema shall negotiate said contract of chosen auditing firm and present to Tribal Council for ratification;

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 Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 15, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Mitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder

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