



## **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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### **Resolution #22-0420-067**

*Approval to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), for a 2022 Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant (TEDC)*

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

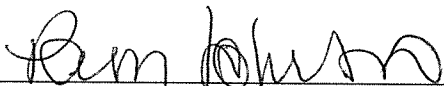
WHEREAS, the Tribe relies on energy to provide for the quality of life of its members and the profitability of its businesses. Currently, the Tribe is served by a non-Tribal, investor-owned, and state-regulated electric utility. The Tribe recognizes that many other Tribes have enhanced their sovereignty by forming Tribally owned electric utilities to align energy decision-making with Tribal values & goals. Over the past year, the Tribe has successfully been working with Woven Energy, LLC, Tribal Energy Consulting to conduct a Phase I analysis of viable renewable energy projects and policy development; and

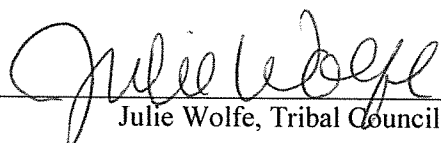
WHEREAS, the Tribe is in need of a Phase II analysis to either purchase existing area power transfer infrastructure or build our own using grant funding. The TEDC grant can fund an evaluation of energy organizational alternatives the Tribe could take to potentially enhance energy sovereignty, self-determination, resilience, while potentially reducing energy costs. The Tribe has defined a project concept to build off its microgrid study to explore organizational structures for energy development, including the feasibility of forming a Tribally owned electric utility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Council approves the submission of a grant application for the 2022 TEDC funding opportunity.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 20, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Pam Johnson, Acting Council Recorder

  
Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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