



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #22-0810-146

Resolution of Continued Support of the Implementation of Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction

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, on May 23, 2018, Tribal Council unanimously approved Resolution #18-0523-154 which approved the application for FY2018 Grant to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ); and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2018, Tribal Council unanimously approved Resolution #18-0606-176 which affirmed Tribal Council's support of the implementation of SDVCJ through execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between Tribal Council, the other branches of the Tribe and key employees; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to plan, develop, implement and exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022) was included as a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2471) and signed into law by President Biden on March 15, 2022 and the Act includes a number of important provisions for tribal communities, including amendments to the scope of jurisdiction that can be exercised over non-Indian offenders; and

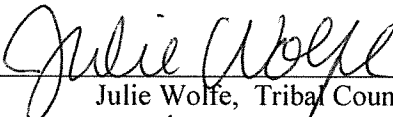
WHEREAS, Tribal Council supports amending the scope of the grant to include the 2022 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women's Act appropriate provisions and recognizes that term of SDVCJ is replaced with "special tribal criminal jurisdiction (STCJ)" and the previously approved MOA as necessary to obtain this goal; and

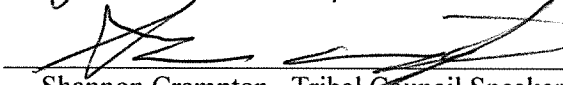
WHEREAS, Tribal Council recognizes that VAWA was first enacted in 1994 and has been reauthorized three times since—in 2000, 2005, and 2013. Each time VAWA has been reauthorized, it has included new provisions aimed at addressing the high rates of violence against Native people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT, Tribal Council continues to support the implementation of Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 10, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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