



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**

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**Resolution #22-1026-190**

*Adoptions of Amendments to the to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015,  
Ordinance #15-100-08a*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi 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 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 promoted, 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, the Tribal Council adopted the Administrative Procedures Act, which identifies the processes by which ordinances may be adopted, amended or repealed; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015, Ordinance #15-100-08a by Resolution #15-0422-129 and has most recently amended this Ordinance by Resolution #19-0206-033; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council posted these Amendments for public comment on August 24, 2022 and held a final work session to review the comments of the tribal membership on October 25, 2022; and

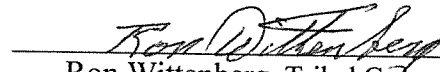
WHEREAS, public comments submitted were addressed by Tribal Council during a Work Session on October 25, 2022 and were not substantially related to the proposed changes to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015 Ordinance; and


WHEREAS, the changes are redlined and attached to this resolution, including the sole client of all attorneys employed in-house by the Tribe through the Unified Legal Department should be the Tribe and removal of the Tribal Council's Legislative In-House Attorney and the Ogema's Executive In-House Attorney from the definition of Attorney for purposes of Unified Legal Department.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council adopts the amendments to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015, Ordinance #15-100-08a.

**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 a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 26, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Council Recorder

  
Shannon Crampton, Council Speaker

Attest:

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