



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #22-1221-221

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) to approve the annual budget presented by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article 5.12 c of the Budget and Appropriation Act to adjust the budget proposal by making line items increases, reductions, deletions and additions; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council recognizes that the Executive 2023 proposed budget has significant shortfalls for funding of Professional Fees for Legal Services. and

WHEREAS, The Tribe will have to fund these unbudgeted expenses, not contemplated by Executive budget submission, with Supplemental Appropriation from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, on December 7th the Tribe Council was notified by the Casino General Manager that the Ogema approved a 2023 distribution amount of \$24,016,898; and

WHEREAS, on December 13th Tribal Council received from the Executive Management a Distribution Adjustments spreadsheet reconciling the (\$483,102) discrepancy in distribution; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has held multiple public work sessions to discuss the budget and possible budget proposals; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget in the amount of \$41,096,838 with a Gaming Distribution estimated at \$24,016,898.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 21, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker


Ronald Wittenberg, Tribal Council Recorder

Attest:

Presentation of Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the forgoing Resolution #22-1221-221 approving the Government Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 as provided for in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Constitution, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema:

December 21, 2022

Signature of Council Recorder:

Ron Wittenberg

Action by the Tribal Ogema: ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved (attach comments)

Date:

12-21-2022

Signature of Ogema:

Perry D. Roman

Distribution:

Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Accounting Department
Tribal Court