



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #23-0315-039

Approval of Ceremony Lodge Improvements and use of ARPA funds for the purchase of Canvas Tarps and supporting Hardware

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 Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a quote from A Firekeeper representative to purchase 16 new canvas tarps and supporting hardware for the Ceremony Lodge located on the Pow Wow Grounds; and

WHEREAS, the project parameters have been discuss at several Tribal Council Work Sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Communities have suffered more from COVID related losses than the average communities.

WHEREAS, the canvas tarps and supporting hardware upgrade to the Ceremony Lodge will improve conditions and lesson the exposure to the elements for Tribal Member and Firekeepers, and

WHEREAS, the canvas tarps and supporting hardware will help the purpose of the ceremony that brings Physical, Emotional and Spiritual healing to the Tribal Community, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is approving the American Rescue Plan funding dollars not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be allocated for the purpose of an eligible COVID-19 expenditure of Tribal government improvements to the Ceremony Lodge that supports the response to negative economic impacts cause by the pandemic and recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Executive staff to execute the purchase of canvas tarps and supporting hardware incorporating the contents of this resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 4 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 15, 2023, 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, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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