



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution #23-0405-050**

*To Restrict Money in the Strategic Gaming Fund*

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 is vested with the authority under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members.; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Task Force was created on March 19, 2014, through Resolution #14-0319-074B, to oversee the development of a second site Casino and amenities in Muskegon County; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council set up fund #8300-000 in the Budget, called the Strategic Gaming Fund, to separate and appropriate funds specifically reserved for the Shoreline Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Muskegon casino project concerned taking off-reservation land in Fruitland Township into trust for the Tribe for gaming purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, the Governor of the State of Michigan did not concur with the Department of Interior to take the land into trust for gaming for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Secretarial Determination to take the land into trust for the Tribe is moot and at this time the land cannot be acquired into trust for gaming purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer any purpose for the Shoreline Project Taskforce, and they have not met since the summer of 2022.

WHEREAS, the Tribe has not commissioned the Shoreline Project Task Force with any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is dissolving the Shoreline Project Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to restrict the money in fund #8300-000, called the Strategic Gaming Fund, so that the Tribal Council will control and approve any expenditures out of this fund.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby restricts fund #8300-000, called the Strategic Gaming Fund.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 4 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 22, 2023, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Council Recorder

  
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Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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