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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 24-0403-062 **AMENDED 9-18-24 VIA MOTION**
Requiring Tribal Councilors attendance Physically Present in person at our Regular Tribal Council Meetings in The Lodge beginning after this resolution is invoked and from here forth.

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 Ogema of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians closed the government offices due to COVID-19 on March 17th 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema issued Executive Order 20-0320-01 declaring a State of Emergency for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council issued Tribal Council Resolution # 20-0320-096 declaring a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema issued Executive Orders keeping the tribe apprised of changes to the initial closure; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resource Department sent a re-opening packet to employees who were currently working from home and a responsibility acknowledgement requiring employees to participate in a teleconference call regarding "LRBOI COVID-19 Re-Open Safety Plan", Wednesday, June 3, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema issued Executive Order No. 20-0609-01, which lifted the stay at home/shelter in place order on June 10th, 2020, which included maintaining social distancing and allows indoor social gatherings not to exceed 50 people; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that it is necessary to begin Tribal Council Regular meetings BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND IN PERSON to carry out the duties of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council will still be able to live-stream into work sessions to participate; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-0210-033 is rescinded in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, All Tribal Council Regular Council meetings

SHALL BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND IN PERSON only taking place in the Government Lodge, Tribal Council members will still be able to live-stream into the Tribal Council regular meetings to participate under these circumstances only after informing the Speaker and or Recorder of medical, **PERSONAL** emergencies, weather and work travel; and


WHEREAS, TRIBAL COUNCIL CAN ONLY VOTE LIVE-STREAM SIX (6) TIMES PER CALENDAR YEAR DURING REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE ON ZOOM BEYOND THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requires Tribal Councilor attendance **IN PERSON AT REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE LODGE BEGINNING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**, they **SHALL BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND IN PERSON** at Tribal Council Regular Meetings in The Lodge beginning after this resolution is invoked and from here forth.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDED ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was **AMENDED** duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council **MOTION** with **5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT**, at a **Regular 2nd** Open Session of the Little River of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on **September 18, 2024**, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Council Speaker

Attest:

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