Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution #24-0918-165

Ratification of Lease Agreement with Gaming Capital Group

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 the Lease Agreement from the Little River Casino Resort with Gaming Capital Group (GCG); and
- WHEREAS, GCG will provide the Resort with Development Advances; and
- WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed by the Executive Legal Department for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

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WHEREAS, this Contract shall be construed to be as a limited waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, Venue for any dispute arising out of this Contract shall be the state of Michigan. This Contract, and any disputes arising out of this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies and authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Lease Agreement with GCG 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 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 18, 2024, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder

Tammy Burniester, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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