



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Resolution #24-1127-229

Resolution Authorizing Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians as Signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Michigan Attorney General in Nessel v. Enbridge to Protect the Great Lakes

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aniřhinaábek* (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) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals and education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Attorney General continues to dispute Enbridge's Line 5 easement; and


WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the protection of Tribal Interests and the protection of the water in the great lakes; and

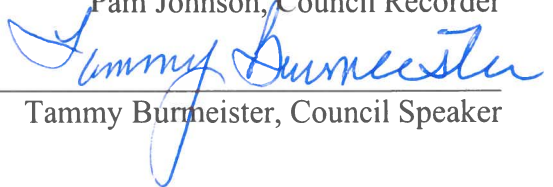
WHEREAS, Tribal interests are represented in a Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Michigan Attorney General in the matter.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, through the Executive Legal Department, to be as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the state of Michigan Attorney General in the matter Nessel v. Enbridge to protect the great lakes from Enbridge.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 27, 2024, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Council Speaker

cc: Council Records
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Executive Legal Department