



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

**2608 Government Center Drive
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Resolution #25-0108-002

Adopting the Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance # 24-150-09

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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized by Article V, Section 5(a)(1) to enforce and execute the ordinances, resolutions and motions adopted by the Tribal Council consistent with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Administrative Procedures Ordinance, Ordinance #04-100-07, to adopt, amend and repeal ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance # 24-150-09 has been posted for 30 days for public comment; no public comments received; and a final work session was held on December 10, 2024; and a additional work session was held on January 7, 2025; and

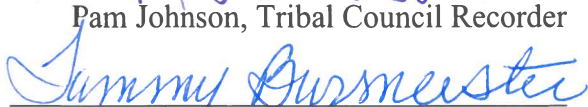
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance shall be adopted as proposed.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect as soon as the resolution has passed.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 8, 2025, at the Little River band of Ottawa Indians Government Center and via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest: NONE

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