



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #25 -0319-057

Authorization to enter in Consortium with Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and MTERA for the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program (HEAR)

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 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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council has determined that participation in Federal programs that promote energy efficiency, sustainability, and cost savings for Tribal members is a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has identified the opportunity to join a consortium to apply for funding under the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate program administered by the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP), pursuant to Section 50122 of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022; and


WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council recognizes that Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, as the lead Indian Tribe, is the sole entity within the Tribal consortium responsible for receiving total allocations and is ultimately responsible for satisfying all grant requirements, with MTERA acting as the third-party administrative lead for the application and grant management; and


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council authorizes joining the Consortium with Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa as the lead Indian Tribe responsible for receiving the total allocations, and MTERA as the entity responsible for applying for and administering the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program grant on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and other participating consortium Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to act on its behalf in all matters related to the receipt of the allocations, while MTERA will manage the application, administering the grant, and will be responsible for satisfying all grant requirements.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 19, 2025, 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 Burmeister, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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