



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution #25-0416-083**

Authorizing Participation in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association's Tribal Energy Capacity Building Program and Identifying the Tribe's Energy Champion

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 Tribe is committed to promoting sustainable energy practices and enhancing energy resources within its community; and

WHEREAS, the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) offers the Community Change Grant sub-award to support tribal energy initiatives, providing valuable capacity building resources and funding of \$164,706 per year for three years totaling \$494,118.00; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MTERA Community Change Grant program aligns with the Tribe's goals to improve energy efficiency, develop renewable energy projects, and foster community resilience; and


WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the importance of having a dedicated individual to lead and champion energy initiatives within the community;

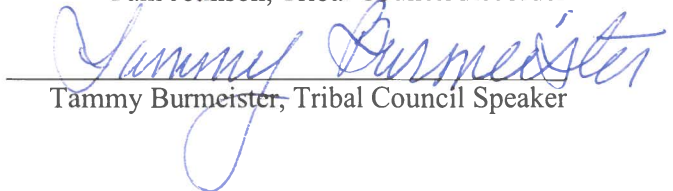
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribe to participate in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association's Tribal Energy Capacity Building program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gary Lewis, the Utility Department Director or designee is hereby identified and appointed as the Tribe's Energy Champion, responsible for overseeing and coordinating all activities related to the MTERA Community Change Grant program and energy initiatives and is authorized to take all necessary actions to complete and submit the sub-award application for the Tribal Energy Capacity Building program on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 16, 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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