



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution #25-0507-102**

*Resolution to Authorize Signatories for Wolf River Golf Park's Liquor License Application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and Authorizing the Required Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Needed to Apply for Said License*

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 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 Little River Casino Resort has applied to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Liquor License for Wolf River Golf Park located at 11685 Chippewa Highway in Bear Lake, Michigan 49614; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2025, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission sent written correspondence to legal counsel for the Little River Casino Resort informing them that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires Tribal Governments to

present a Tribal Council resolution authorizing signatories for the liquor license application; and

WHEREAS, also in the April 1, 2025 correspondence, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) stated the Little River Casino Resort must provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to allow the MLCC to enforce state liquor license regulations at Wolf River Golf Park.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli and the Little River Casino Resort General Manager, Michael Schrader to act as signatories to the liquor license application submitted on behalf of Little River Casino Resort for Wolf River Golf Park; and

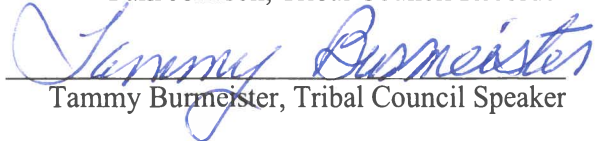
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purposes of permitting the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to regulate and enforce MLCC rules and regulations on the licensed premises, Wolf River Golf Park.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 07, 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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Tribal Ogema