



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 25-0521-111

Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek* (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 authorized, subject to the veto of the Tribal Ogema, under Article IV, section &(i)(l) of the Constitution to approve expenditures of Tribal Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance,

which identifies and authorizes expenditures of funds within an approved budget through regulations created by the Tribal Ogema and adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved a \$20,000 Supplemental Appropriation *Resolution #25-0507-099* for the purpose of making the membership dues payment to NCAI; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the expenditure of budgeted funds in the amount of \$20,000 for membership dues to the National Congress of American Indians budgeted under program# 1020-100-5302; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B 1(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians designates The following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) to the National Congress of American *Indians*.

Delegate Larry B. Romanelli, Ogema

Alternate: Julie Wolfe, Tribal Councilor

Alternate: Al Metzger, Tribal Councilor

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 21, 2025, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore



Pam Johnson, Acting Tribal Council
Speaker

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