



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

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**Resolution # 25- 0625-148**

*Comprehensive and complete Enrollment Audit of all active and/or open Tribal members enrollment files and all enrollment files where a individual has said membership in the Tribe*

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 Constitution establishes criteria for enrollment of membership of the tribe under Article II - Membership; 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 and motions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promoted, 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, Tribal Enrollment is to preserve the unique character and traditions of each tribe; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council adopted Ordinance # 04-200-01 Enrollment Ordinance that set forth tribal enrollment criteria; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #04-200-01 Enrollment Ordinance requires under section 15.01. that a file review shall be conducted every five (5) years as defined in Article XV of the Ordinance and such review is required and past due at this time; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has identified that membership enrollment has challenges posed by determining Tribal membership based on oral testimonies, personal documentation, and fragmented federal data that is a persistent issue dating back to the inception of this government; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has deemed necessary to conduct a comprehensive and complete enrollment audit of all currently enrolled tribal members files to facilitate the tribe's progress and foster healing within this nation; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council finds it is essential for the well -being of the tribe and tribal members to conduct a comprehensive and complete enrollment audit of membership files , thereby promoting the peace, moral, and general welfare; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby mandates a comprehensive and complete Enrollment Audit of all active and/or open Tribal member files and all files where a individual has said membership in the Tribe; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, All criteria utilized for determination of membership in the tribe shall only be based on the criteria set forth under the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution under Article II – Membership and Enrollment Department shall comply and assist with the enrollment audit firm selected; and

IT IS FUTHER REOLVED THAT, The Ogema shall negotiate said contract of chosen auditing firm and present to Tribal Council for ratification within thirty (30) days of selection tribal enrollment audit firm.

**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 Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 25, 2025 at the via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Shannon Crampton, Council Speaker

  
Susan Thull, Tribal Council Recorder

Attest: NONE

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