



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution # 25-1022-237

Approval of 2025 Annual Elders Conference at the Little River Casino Resort, to be held November 7th and 8th, approving the Estimated Budget of \$60,000.

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, Little Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Committee has addressed the Tribal Council seeking approval for the 2025 Elders Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that this year's event is similarly structured as compared to past Elders Conferences and supports the cultural values as well as the health, safety and general welfare and wellbeing of Tribal Elders values which are in keeping with the primary goals and objectives of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, both the Tribal Council and Elders Committee desire to continue to advocate and promote the wellbeing of Tribal Elders, as well as other Tribal members/citizens), and

WHEREAS, as previously mentioned, Tribal Council finds that the costs involved with this year's (2025) Elders Conference are closely aligned with previous events; and

WHEREAS the Tribal Council also finds that the funds are available to the committee in the 2025 Budget as documented in the information provided to the Tribal Council by the Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council hereby approves the 2025 Elder Conference & Holiday Gathering for November 7 & 8, 2025.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED that the Little Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council hereby approves of the Budgeted estimates for the gathering and conference components:

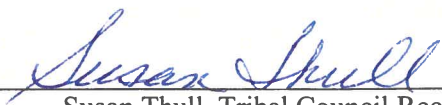
- 1) Room rental: 150 x 2 nights room charged at \$99.00 per night, totaling \$29,700, and
- 2) Elders conference booking #BKG872: Elders Conference and holiday party totaling \$30,000,

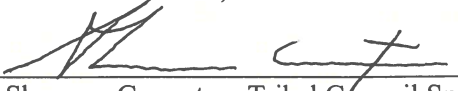
These expenses are in the approved FY 2025 Elders Budget – 1080-144.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council approves the expenses for the 2025 Elders Christmas Gathering and Conference scheduled for November 7 & 8, 2025 at the Little River Casino Resort.

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 October 22, 2025, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.


Susan Thull, Tribal Council Recorder


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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