



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution # 26-0114 -002

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) to approve the annual budget presented by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has held multiple public work sessions on department budgets to review individual and annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council recognizes that the budget and Appropriations Act of 1013, Article IV requires a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe Council recognizes the Ogema budget proposal is not balanced and the Tribe would have to fund with Supplemental Appropriation from the General Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget in the amount of \$44,816,153, with a Gaming Distribution estimated at \$24,000,000.

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 a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 14, 2026, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.



Susan Thull, Council Recorder



Shannon Crampton, Council Speaker

Attest:

Presentation of Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution #26-0114-002, adopting Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 as set forth in the 2026 Budget submitted and signed by the Tribal Council on January 14, 2026 and by Resolution 26-0114-002, and has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema: _____

Signature of Council Recorder: _____

Action by the Tribal Ogema: ____ Approved ____ Disapproved (attach comments)

Date: _____

Signature of Ogema: _____

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 Accounting Department Tribal Court