

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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**Resolution #26-0225-014**

*Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of March  
FY2026.*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anířhinaábek* (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 has adopted the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.07 of the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013 requires that the Tribal Council appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, The Ogema's and the Tribal Councils budgets have both failed approval process and a continuing budget resolution will be required by Section 5.14 of the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is required to allocate a monthly appropriation to ensure funding is available for Government Operations; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby appropriates the amount of \$ 945,371.38 for expenditures during the month beginning March 1, 2026.

**1/12 Gaming Distribution                      \$945,371.38**

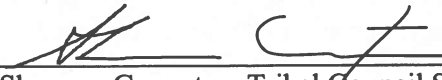
IT IS FURTHERE RESOLVED THAT, Section 5.14 of the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013 also requires:

- a. A not to exceed limit for aggregate spending. *This amount would be \$3,673,067 that is 1/12 of 2025 Total Operating Budget of \$44,076,801.*
- b. No new employment positions, new contracts or new capital expenditures shall be authorized without approval by Tribal Council resolution.
- c. Charitable contributions shall be made in accordance with the Approved Revenue Allocation Plan, Revenue Allocation Ordinance and/or any other Approved Revenue Allocation Plan adopted into law regardless of the amount budgeted for such contributions.
- d. Per capita distributions shall be made in accordance with the Approved Revenue Allocation Plan, Revenue Allocation Ordinance and/or any other Approved Revenue Allocation Plan adopted into law regardless of the amount budgeted for such Per capita distributions.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 3 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 25, 2026, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Allen Metzger, Tribal Council Recorder


  
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Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

Presentation of Resolution extending the 2025 budget for the month of March into Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government operations to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution #26-0225-???, approving the Government Operations budget for the month of February as provided for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Constitution, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for approval

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Council Recorder:  \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Ogema: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Council Records  
Tribal Ogema  
Accounting Department  
Tribal Court

