



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #26-0225-015

Resolution Declaring all Tribal Identification Cards to be Valid

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 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) has increased surveillance and arrests around the Country, but particularly in the twin cities in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, ICE has illegally detained Native Americans even though tribal members are outside of ICE jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, tribal members should carry a state-issued identification as well as their tribal identification card in preparation for any confrontation with ICE; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council wishes to make it easier on tribal members who have expired tribal identification cards; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect tribal members who have a confrontation with ICE, the Tribal Council desires to declare all LRBOI tribal identification cards valid regardless of expiration date; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council will also work with the Enrollment Department to have them issue new enrollment cards to those members with expired identification cards or those who lack a photograph on their identification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Council hereby declares that all LRBOI tribal identification cards are valid; and

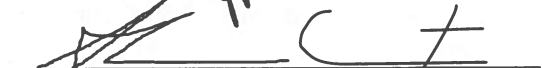
FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Council shall work with the Enrollment Department to quickly issue updated tribal identification cards to tribal members who need it.

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 February 25, 2026, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.



Allen Metzger, Tribal Council Recorder



Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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