



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #26-0429-037

Adopting amendments to Election Ordinance #08-200-02

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, Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution invests the Tribal Council with the legislative powers of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to strengthen the Election Ordinance to prevent voter suppression; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council posted the amended Ordinance for a thirty (30) day public comment period on January 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council held Work Sessions to go over the public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council held the final Work Session on the amended Ordinance on March 31, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council adopts the amended Election Ordinance.

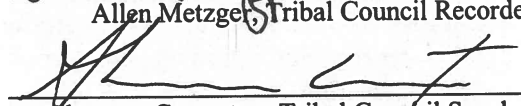
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amended ordinance will be effective upon adoption of this resolution by the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Ogema, the Tribal Court, and the Election Board shall be notified of the amendments to this Ordinance.

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 April 29th, 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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