



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 26-0610-067

Approving the Ogema's Execution of the FY-2026 Subcontract for Administration and Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(b), to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Little River Band with political subdivisions or private parties on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Little River Band with governments, political subdivisions and private parties subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Subcontract shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its subordinate enterprises or entities, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) was established by the five Tribes who were parties to United States v Michigan (W.D. Mich. File No. 2:73-cv-26), to administer the intertribal protection and management of natural resources and the regulation of the exercise of treaty rights to harvest natural resources within the territory ceded in the 1836 Treaty of Washington as provided by two Decrees entered to settle that Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Great Lakes Decree includes terms and conditions requiring CORA and its member Tribes to carry increased roles and responsibilities with respect to the regulation, biological assessment and enforcement of treaty activities and protection of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe under its self-governing privileges and responsibilities must administer funds for the performance of these duties; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is in receipt of a FY2026 Subcontract from CORA designed to satisfy the requirements of the 2023 Great Lakes Decree for administrative collaboration among the Tribes to protect and manage their natural resources and to regulate the exercise of Treaty Rights to harvest those natural resources.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to Execute the FY-2026 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

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 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 10th, 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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