



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288

Resolution #26-0610-071

Ratification of Master Good Neighbor Agreement

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 is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a Master Agreement from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service to cooperatively restore Manistee National Forest through the Good Neighbor Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Master Agreement has been reviewed by Executive Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Contract 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

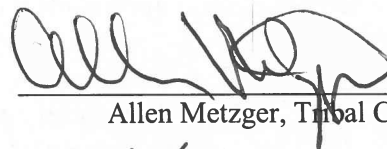
WHEREAS, the Master Good Neighbor Agreement controls supplemental project agreements including the Tribal Forest Ecology and Wildlife Monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture through the Master Agreement will advance and reimburse payment for work done as proposed in Appendix B.

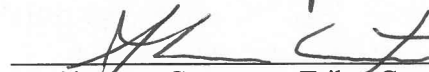
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Agreement with the United States Forest Service incorporating the contents of this resolution.

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

Distribution: Council Records
Tribal Ogema