

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #26-0701-098

To Unrestrict Funds in the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund (Resolution Number 21-1117-289) to be Used for the 2026 Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Disbursement.

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek* (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 Tribe has a restricted account called the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund (Resolution Number 21-1117-289), which is comprised of funds from online gaming monies; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to use funds in the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund for the 2026 Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Disbursement to tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Disbursement will cost approximately \$15,250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wants to unrestrict approximately \$15,250,000 in the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund, and

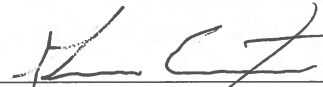
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council shall unrestrict money in the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund to pay for the 2026 Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Disbursement to tribal members.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 1, 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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