



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #26-0716-111

*Ratification of Tribal State Agreement, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts and agreements to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has received the 2027 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Tribal-State agreement from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for grant year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed by Executive Legal; and

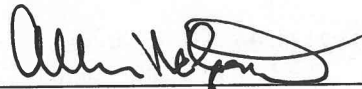
WHEREAS, nothing in this Tribal-State agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, or any of its subordinate enterprises or entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal-State agreement is necessary to conduct the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), for the purposes of distributing funds from the fiscal year 2027 LIHEAP block-grant, identifying the total number of *eligible households in the 9-County Service Delivery Area as 1,284*; and

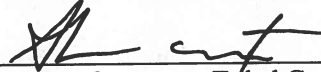
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the LIHEAP Tribal-State Agreement.

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 Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 16th, 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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