



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #26-0722-115

Support of the Bay Mills Indian Community ongoing litigation against Line 5 and a Line 5 Tunnel

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, as signatories to the 1836 Treaty of Washington, the Tribes are co-managers of the lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians continues to support the Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) and their continued protection of the Great Lakes from Enbridge; and

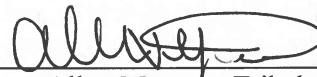
WHEREAS, the state of Michigan and federal government have failed to understand the threat a tunnel or pipeline would have on the treaty protected resources; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians supports Bay Mills and their legal representation in the ongoing fight against Enbridge and Line 5 Tunnel.

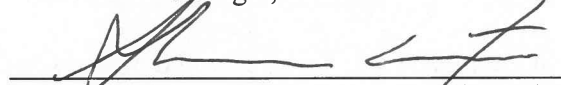
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Little River of Ottawa Indians shall continue to support and assist the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Native American Rights Fund and Earth Justice in state and federal cases.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 22, 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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