



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council
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Resolution #15-0211-029

Authorizing the Interim Election of Council Member Gary DiPiazza as Tribal Council Recorder During the Absence of Tribal Council Recorder Sandy Mezeske or Until New Officer Elections in April 2015

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 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 obligated by Article IV, Section 2(c) to elect from its members two officers to serve as Speaker and Recorder; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously elected as its Recorder Sandy Mezeske; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Sandy Mezeske anticipates a leave of absence of approximately six weeks' time from the end of February 2015 for medical reasons; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged absence has the potential to extend until government-wide elections are held in April 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Tribe and the Tribal Council to ensure smooth operation of Council business by the Interim Appointment of a Recorder until the current Recorder's return or until new officers are elected, whichever is sooner.

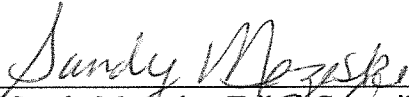
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council elects by majority vote adopting this resolution Councilman Gary DiPiazza as Interim Tribal Council Recorder.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Councilman DiPiazza's capacity as Recorder shall take effect on February 22, 2015.

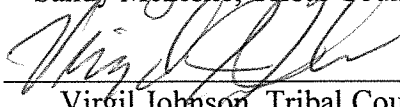
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Councilman DiPiazza shall continue in this capacity until Councilwoman Mezeske returns from medical leave or until new officers are elected following the general elections in April 2015, whichever occurs first.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held February 11, 2015, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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