



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #16-0120-019

Approval of Resolution in Support of Michigan Senate Bill 588

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a 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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution 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 authorized under Article IV, Section 9(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions and to delegate to those commission the power to manage the affairs of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band is party to a consent decree entered by the Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan in docket no. 2:73 CV 26 on November 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, currently, Tribal Law Enforcement Officers cannot stop persons on non-Tribal land that appear to be engage in hunting, fishing, or trapping, unless they can immediately identify the person as a Tribal member; and

WHEREAS, various efforts have been made since 2007 to secure Tribal Law Enforcement Officers the authorization to stop a person on non-Tribal land to identify whether they have the requisite license to hunt, fish, or trap; and

WHEREAS, proposed Michigan Senate Bill 588 will give Tribal Law Enforcement Officers, when on-duty, in uniform, with credentials, and in the 1836 cession area, the authorization to demand identification from any person who appears to be engaged in hunting, fishing, or trapping.

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has requested Tribal Council pass a resolution in support of Michigan Senate Bill 588.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council, with the support of the Natural Resources Commission, formally supports Michigan Senate Bill 588.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder and Representative Geoff Hansen.

CERTIFICATION 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 January 20, 2016, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley, II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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Natural Resources Department
Natural Resources Commission
Department of Public Safety
Unified Legal Department