



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 13-0109-

*Resolution of Support for Canadian First Nations, the Idle No More Movement, and Call for Canadian Prime Minister Harper to Meet With Chief Spence and Other First Nations Leadership Regarding the Bill C-45*

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 Treaty of Chicago [August 29, 1821; 7 Stat 218],  
the Treaty of Washington [March 28, 1836; 7 Stat 491],  
the Treaty of Detroit [July 31, 1855; 11 Stat 621] with the United States,  
as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324 (108 Stat 2156), enacted September 21, 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 Little River Band are vested in the Tribal Council at Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members, and to govern the conduct of members of the Little River Band and other persons within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered to Act by Resolution to declare support for or in opposition of other entities, as well as to voice for the Band and its Members the

position of the Tribe regarding various public welfare matters, including voicing support for the inherent rights of other Native Nations, both in the United States or abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that enactment of Bill C-45 by the Canadian government diminishes the sovereign authority of First Nations by diminishing protection for sacred lands and waterways in and around First Nations' lands; lands and waterways that we share with the our Clan Relatives and First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians believes the recent legislation enacted by the Canadian Government, Bill C-45 will destroy water, something all life requires to live, inalienable rights to drink and sustain our lives and the lives of our clan relatives; and

WHEREAS, this legislation was enacted neither with the input of, nor consultation with, leaders of First Nations, which have a treaty relationship with the Crown; and

WHEREAS, Leaders and Citizens of First Nations in Canada, including Anishnaabek relatives of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, descendant from the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, have undertaken a social movement commonly referred to as "Idle No More," which is seeking to have the Canadian government honor treaty relations with First Nations and recognize their sovereign authority; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as well as other Tribes' Members throughout Turtle Island, stand united and have participated in the "Idle No More" movement; and have expressed, and continue to express solidarity with Canadian First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians expresses support for the First Nations in Canada, including those Anishnaabek bands, as they seek to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians supports the full exercise of all Indigenous Nations to the sovereign rights for development of their own natural resources for the benefit of their own national interests as opposed to the National Interest of the Recognized Governments of the United Nations; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLED THAT, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians declare their support and Call for a Meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Stephan Harper and the Honorable Chief Spence as well as other First Nations Leaders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT , The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians declare their support of the efforts of Canadian First Nations, and their Citizens, as they seek a restoration of their sovereign rights and a strengthening of their

nation-to-nation relationship with our Indigenous Nations throughout Turtle Island and with the Nation of Canada.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with \_\_ FOR, \_\_ AGAINST, \_\_ ABSTAINING, and \_\_ ABSENT at a regular session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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