“PROTECTION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORY RESOLUTION”

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") and its inherent powers and self-government, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Government recognized the Lumbee as a Tribe in 1956 and included Robeson and surrounding counties as its territory;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe adopted a constitutional amendment that states “The Territory of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina shall include establishing Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Counties;”

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly created in 1971 the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs ("NCCIA") and charged it with, among other duties, establishing “appropriate procedures to provide for legal recognition by the State of presently unrecognized groups;”

WHEREAS, within the state recognition process the NCCIA states that a “Splinter Group means a political faction, community, or group of any character that separates or has separated from the main body of a state or federally recognized American Indian tribe, and has not functioned throughout history as an autonomous American Indian tribe” and the NCCIA prohibits splinter groups from petitioning for state recognition;


WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe understands that political factions may exist and that splinter groups will try to start their own tribal entity due to political differences with the Lumbee government structure;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe understands the importance of protecting our sovereignty and sovereign rights from political factions and that we cannot allow other tribal entities to lay claim to our territory, our history, our culture, and our future;

THEREFORE, the Lumbee Tribe will protect our sovereignty and our territory from any tribal political groups seeking to influence our culture, heritage, and programs for our citizens;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Lumbee Tribe ask that the NCCIA deem any petitions from groups within the four-county territory claiming decent or rights to individuals who appear on the base rolls of the Lumbee Tribe or who make claims of sovereignty with Lumbee history as a splinter group petition and automatically deny any access to the state recognition process.
CERTIFICATION


[Signature]
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

2-21-19
ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS
CLLR-2019-0221-02 “PROTECTION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORY RESOLUTION"
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 21, 2019
18 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTENSION(S)

District 1: Carvicous Barfield
District 2: Sharon Hunt
   Janie McFarland
District 3: James B. Hunt
   Vacant
District 4: Ted Woodell
District 5: Wendy Moore-Graham
   Jarrod Lowery
District 6: Larry Chavis
   Douglas Locklear
District 7: Reginald Oxendine
   Jan Lowery
   Alvin Mercer
District 8: Corbin Eddings
District 9: Dewey J McNeill
District 10: Marshil Locklear
District 11: Frank Cooper
District 12: Annie Taylor
   Michael Chavis
District 13: Ricky Burnett
District 14: Terry Hunt