

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2019-0221-02

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2019

“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, these are examples of past splinter groups from the Lumbee territory: “Tuscarora Tribe of Drowning Creek” in 1981; “Cherokee of Hoke County” in 1983; “Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina” in 1986; “Tuscarora Tribe of Eastern North Carolina” in 1991; “Southern Band of Tuscarora Indian Tribes” in 2006;

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

THIS CLLR-2019-0221-02 "PROTECTION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORY RESOLUTION", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 19 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 BY A VOTE OF 18 YES, 1 NO, AND 0 ABSTENTION(S).



ATTEST: RICKY BURNETT
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

2-21-19

Date



ATTEST: WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

2-21-19

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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS

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ADOPTED FEBRUARY 21, 2019

18 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTENSION(S)

District 1:	Carvicous Barfield	YES
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Janie McFarland	ABSENT
District 3:	James B. Hunt	YES
	Vacant	-----
District 4:	Ted Woodell	YES
District 5:	Wendy Moore-Graham	YES
	Jarrold Lowery	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
	Douglas Locklear	YES
District 7:	Reginald Oxendine	YES
	Jan Lowery	YES
	Alvin Mercer	YES
District 8:	Corbin Eddings	YES
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	YES
District 10:	Marshil Locklear	NO
District 11:	Frank Cooper	YES
District 12:	Annie Taylor	YES
	Michael Chavis	YES
District 13:	Ricky Burnett	YES
District 14:	Terry Hunt	YES