Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

CLLR-2021-1021-03 DATE: October 21, 2021

"IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS & MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG LUMBEE ADOLESCENTS"

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, Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution delegates all legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Council"), and;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council implements a Health Committee to oversee the health and well-being of the Lumbee people, and to address all health disparities of tribal members, and;

WHEREAS, Research has demonstrated the presence of three important protective factors among Lumbee youth and adolescents, namely ethnic identity, future optimism, and self-esteem, all found to promote improved mental health outcomes. It is also evident that efforts dedicated towards reconnection with culture and fostering resilience build upon strengths inherent in Native communities and work to heal from past traumas. This project will use a community-driven approach, utilizing past research and mental health related programming in the Lumbee community and offering new insights and strategies to help youth following the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

WHEREAS, The purpose of this project is: (1). To understand the connection between ethnic identity and/or connection to Lumbee tribe and mental health outcomes for Lumbee adolescents (i.e. loneliness, friendships, emotional support, sleep) and (2) To assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health of Lumbee adolescents, specifically connection to peers/ community and stress management. Participants will include: 12-18 year old American Indian adolescents who receive care at Children's Health of Carolina, Pembroke, presenting for well or sick visits. Exclusion: children in foster care (for ease of consent), and;

WHEREAS, All persons involved with the project agree to receive prior approval before any written report is disseminated to the public or research journal. And all data will be shared with the Lumbee Tribe to be used in future grant writing. At the conclusion of the study the researcher will return and report the findings, and;

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does hereby support the dissertation project activities and all the activities in this project.

CERTIFICATION

THIS CLLR-2021-1021-03 "IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS & MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG LUMBEE ADOLESCENTS", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 13 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 BY A VOTE OF 13 YES, D NO, D ABS, AND O RECUSE

ATTEST: RICKY BURNETT

Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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ATTEST: SHARON HUNT

Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT

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18 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S)

District 1:	Carvicous Barfield	YES
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
	Pam Hunt	YES
District 4:	Ted Woodell	YES
District 5:	Wendy Moore	YES
	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
	Richard Jones	YES
District 7:	Reginald Oxendine	YES
	Yvonne Dial	YES
	Alvin Mercer	YES
District 8:	Corbin Eddings	YES
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	ABSENT
District 10:	Marshil Locklear	ABSENT
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Shelley Strickland	ABSENT
	Annie Taylor	YES
District 13:	Ricky Burnett	YES
District 14:	Terry Hunt	YES