

# LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLO-2014-0918-01

September 18, 2014

June 16, 2022

Amendment #1

## “ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD (LHB)”

**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 of self-governance); 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 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is charged with promoting quality health care and healthy lifestyles within Lumbee tribal communities through research, technology, education, and advocacy to reduce health disparities, misclassification in Lumbee identification in health data collected by health service agencies and programs and to increase health programs and services available to the Lumbee Tribal membership in Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland counties.

This mission will be accomplished through the strengthening of relationships between federal, state, and local health care agency collaboration and the writing and successful funding of grants to implement health services directly to the Tribal membership.

The Lumbee Health Board will monitor the health data collected at the federal, state, and local levels to include:

1. Identify and work in collaboration with all Lumbee health professionals.
2. Collaboration with health and human service agencies at the federal, state, and local levels and all educational institutions, and private researchers to achieve more tribally specific healthcare.
3. Work with university level advancement offices to advance American Indian students entering the health professions, and health professional schools and to increase the number of American Indian students entering and graduating with health professional degrees in order to provide direct health services to its Tribal membership.
4. Focus of this Lumbee Health Board will be to close the gap in the areas to be included but not limited to:
  - a. Wellness and Disease Prevention
  - b. Cancer
  - c. Heart Disease
  - d. Chronic Disease
  - f. Eye Health
  - e. Oral Health
  - g. Eye Health
  - h. Environmental Health
  - i. Infectious Disease
  - j. Substance Abuse
  - k. Mental Health
  - l. Physical Health
  - m. Clinical Trials

**THEREFORE**, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council as the governing body of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance that shall be cited as “**ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF A LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD (LHB)**”.

**Section 1: PURPOSE**

The Lumbee Tribal membership has faced disparities in all areas of health when compared to other races. The incidences of cancer, diabetes, stroke, and chronic illness have plagued our communities for centuries. Closing the health disparities gap will give our Tribal membership healthier and longer lives to share with family members and generations to come. Culturally sensitive health care programs, data, and services are rights deserving of American Indian people in this country. The Lumbee Tribe through its sovereignty and right to implement its own programs and ability to determine their most pressing health needs. The Lumbee Health Board will make recommendations to Tribal Administration and the Tribal Council Health Committee regarding funds available through grants, strengthen partnerships with local, state, and federal health care agencies, and provide an assessment of current and potential health care services available to its Tribal membership.

**Section 2: MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Lumbee Health Board will include: 1 Chair of the Tribal Council’s Health and Human Services Committee, 1 Chair of the Tribal Council’s Education Committee, 1 person representing a major health care organization, 1 medical doctor, 1 pharmacist, 1 nurse, 1 staff person, 2 community health representatives. This is a total of 9 people.

Additional membership will be invited to serve on an as needed basis when there is a need for specific health expertise. This expertise may include, but is not limited to, health departments, hospitals, dentists, agriculture extension agents, farmers, NC Division of Public Health, NC State Center for Health Statistics, NC Office of Minority Health, universities, NC Office of Rural Health, Indian Health Service, Urban Indian Health Clinics, Veterans Clinical Based Facilities, US Department of Health and Human Services, and any other entity or organization with relevant expertise in a subject area.

Their names will be located on the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina website.

**Section 3: TERM LIMITS**

The terms of the Lumbee Health Board members shall be as follows:

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| Health & Human Services Committee Chairperson: | Elected annually |
| Education Committee Chairperson:               | Elected annually |

A method of chance will be used to determine the term of office of the remaining members under this section. The remaining members shall serve staggered terms with 2(two) members serving a 2(two) year term, 2(two) members serving a 4(four) year term, and 3(three) members serving a 6(six) year term. Thereafter, each appointed member shall serve a 6-year term, for a maximum of 2(two) full terms.

**Section 4: THE LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD**

The LTNC Health Board will draft and recommend to the Lumbee Tribal Council any and all future health ordinances that deal with the health and well-being of Tribal membership. These steps will lead our Lumbee people to a healthier and better quality of life, and will build the infrastructure to develop relationships with area health agencies and granting agencies as we expand the sovereignty of the Tribe.

**Section 5: PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Chair of the Council's Health Committee shall provide a quarterly report to the Tribal Council of all Lumbee Health Board activities including expenses and revenues of such activities.

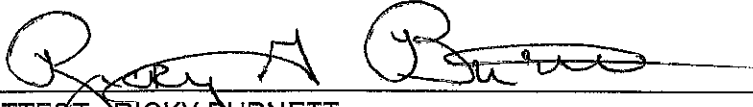
**Section 6: SAVING CLAUSE**

In the event that any phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection, or section of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to violate the Constitution, laws, or ordinances of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, such phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection, or section shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from the ordinance, the entirety of the balance of the ordinance to remain in full and binding force and effort.


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**CERTIFICATION**


THIS **CLLO 2014-0918-01** "ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD (LHB)", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE \_\_\_\_ MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JUNE 2022, BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_\_ YES NO \_\_\_\_ ABSTENTION(S) AND \_\_\_\_ RECUSE.

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

6-16-22  
Date

  
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ATTEST: SHARON HUNT  
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina


6/16/22  
Date

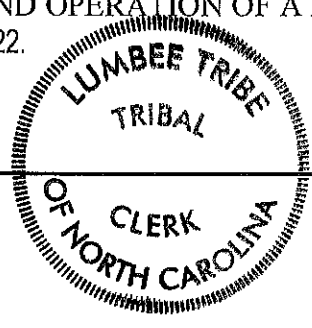
  
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ATTEST: JOHN LOWERY  
Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

6/17/22  
Date

**POSTING**

**CLLO 2014-0918-01** "ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD (LHB)", duly posted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

  
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ATTEST: BELINDA BREWER  
Tribal Clerk Designee, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina



6/16/22  
DATE



Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina  
*The Desk of the Tribal Clerk*

**Record of Posting**

Tribal Ordinance: CLLO-2014-0918-02 "ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A LUMBEE HEALTH BOARD (LHB)"

Posted Date: 06/16/2022

Presented to Tribal Chairman for Review: 06/16/22

Signature or Veto date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Veto: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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John L. Lowery

Date

Tribal Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Belinda Brewer

Date

Tribal Clerk Designee of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

**ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO AMEND  
CLLO-2014-0918-01 “ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A LUMBEE HEALTH  
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**17 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S)**

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| District 1:  | Billy Oxendine      | ABSENT |
| District 2:  | Sharon Hunt         | YES    |
|              | Gerald Goolsby      | YES    |
| District 3:  | Harold Smith        | YES    |
|              | Pam Hunt            | YES    |
| District 4:  | Jody Bullar         | YES    |
| District 5:  | Wendy Moore         | YES    |
|              | Carrington Locklear | YES    |
| District 6:  | Larry Chavis        | YES    |
|              | Richard Jones       | ABSENT |
| District 7:  | Nanci Locklear      | YES    |
|              | Yvonne Dial         | YES    |
|              | Rudy Locklear       | YES    |
| District 8:  | Corbin Eddings      | ABSENT |
| District 9:  | Dewey J McNeill     | YES    |
| District 10: | Bobby Emanuel       | YES    |
| District 11: | Chocajuana Oxendine | YES    |
| District 12: | Shelley Strickland  | ABSENT |
|              | Annie Taylor        | YES    |
| District 13: | Ricky Burnett       | YES    |
| District 14: | Homer Fields        | YES    |