



Dear Lumbee People,

This summer, Project 3C held numerous youth camps, working in conjunction with UNC-Pembroke and Robeson Community College (RCC), and served almost 400 students in grades 1 – 12. Students participated in hands-on activities and were introduced to various STEM careers and experts. In the Forensics Camp, one of our newer camps, students participated in activities such as studying DNA, gel electrophoresis, an experiment with germs, a fingerprint analysis, footprint casting, blood typing, and examining pollen. Some of the other camps allowed students to visit places like Huntsville, AL, Washington D.C., or Roanoke, NC. Whether near or far, these camps gave our students a great opportunity to truly explore future career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. Thank you to all that made these camps a success.

I am proud to recently sign an ordinance establishing a Lumbee Health Board (LHB) and an ordinance establishing an Institution Review Board (IRB). Councilman Jody Bullard (District 4) chairs the Tribal Council's Health committee and made both ordinances a priority as he worked with fellow Council members to have these two important items passed. The newly created Lumbee Health Board will work to collect health data and collaborate with federal, state, and local health organizations along with providers. It is my hope that the Lumbee Health Board will assist the tribe in a Health Needs Assessment to give us a clearer understanding of the health issues and concerns our citizens face.

The IRB was created to monitor all projects where Lumbee Tribal citizens could be research subjects. Each year the Lumbee Tribe, or our tribal citizens, hear request from students, academic institutions, and research institutions on potential studies about our tribe. This IRB panel is able to review all research proposals and ensure that our tribe and individual citizens are treated ethically and appropriately.

The Lumbee Tribe continues to build our capacity to address the many different issues we face as a people. These two new boards, our new Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, along with our newly created Tribal Historic Preservation Officer position, are examples of adapting a more proactive approach to create new opportunities for our people.

I am grateful to serve each day as your Chairman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lowery". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

John L. Lowery
Chairman

