

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2024-219-02

Date: December 19, 2024

“RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION AGAINST EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS”

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

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina’s people has long inhabited south eastern North Carolina prior to pre-colonization; and,

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina was recognized as a sovereign tribe by the State of North Carolina in 1885 and recognized as an American Indian Tribe by the 1956 United States Congress but was withheld from receiving federal benefits; 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 has consistently upheld the principles of respect, integrity, and unity among all Native American tribes; and,

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe strongly condemns the recent actions and statements made by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) that question the legitimacy of Lumbee and other Tribal Nations; and,

WHEREAS, the EBCI has long acted as an oppressor towards its fellow North Carolina and neighboring tribes. They cower behind false accusations and skewed statements that are presented only when beneficial to their narrative. The veracity of these statements shared by the EBCI regarding the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina can and should be called into question; and,

WHEREAS, the defamatory statements made by the EBCI regarding the Lumbee Tribe are baseless and have been disproven on numerous occasions. These unfounded assertions not only tarnish the reputation of the Lumbee Tribe but also perpetuate unnecessary division; and,

WHEREAS, EBCI infatuation with Lumbee and other state tribes has become obsessive. EBCI finds the need to have a news page on their tribal site specifically dedicated to the spread of prejudicial misinformation regarding the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, EBCI deliberate spread of misinformation is unprovoked, disheartening, and contradictory to the principles of unity and mutual respect that the Lumbee Tribe advocates for all tribes; and,

WHEREAS, the unity of North Carolina's eight recognized tribes hinges on their cooperation with one another and is impossible when one tribe continues to bash, ridicule, and belittle their sister tribes; and,

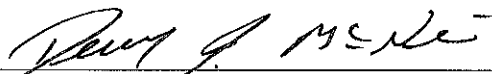
WHEREAS, Such "Indian against Indian" behavior not only weakens the individual tribes but also harms the collective strength of all tribes in North Carolina. This conduct is shameful, counterproductive, and inconsistent with the responsibilities and values that should guide tribal leadership; and,

WHEREAS, Lumbee and all North Carolina recognized tribes are indigenous peoples who have had to survive the first wave of contact and colonization. These Tribal Nations have been fighting for sovereignty and survival since that first contact and to have infighting amount our own tribal brothers and sisters is intolerable; and,


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lumbee Tribe calls on the EBCI to immediately cease its divisive behavior. We urge EBCI leadership to refrain from further intimidation, misinformation campaigns, and defamatory remarks against the Lumbee Tribe and other recognized tribes in the state. Moving forward, we ask the EBCI to act in the spirit of harmony and collaboration, recognizing that our collective strength as Indigenous peoples lies in unity, not division.

CERTIFICATION

THIS ~~CLLR-2024-12~~ **CLLR-2024-12** 19-02 "RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION AGAINST EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE ~~8~~ MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024 BY A VOTE OF 18 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTION(S) AND 0 RESUSE.


ATTEST: DEWEY J MCNEILL
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

12-19-24
DATE


ATTEST: NANCI LOCKLEAR
Secretary Designee, 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:	Billy Oxendine	YES
District 2:	Graylen Mitchell	YES
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
	Pam Hunt	ABSENT
District 4:	Jody Bullard	ABSENT
District 5:	Wendy Moore	YES
	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Yvonne Dial	YES
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	YES
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	YES
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Josephine Doss	YES
District 13:	Alex Baker	YES
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES
District 16:	Nanci Locklear	YES
District 19:	Larry Soles	YES
District 20:	Rudy Locklear	ABSENT
	Kristie Hunt	YES