

# LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2022-0721-01

DATE: JULY 21, 2022

## “LUMBEE CHILDREN AND THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT”

**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 of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee of North Carolina (“Tribal Council”) and,

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has a Health and Human Resources Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has adopted the Constitution for the purposes of preserving for all time the Lumbee way of life and community, promoting the educational, cultural, social and economic well-being of the Lumbee people, and securing justice and freedom for the Lumbee people; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina urges:

(a) DSS collaborations with the Lumbee Tribal courts, Lumbee Tribal governing bodies, and other tribal authorities to protect American Indian children and to ensure appropriate treatment of, and resources for, American Indian families and children at all levels of government

(b) Increased use of federal Title IV-E cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding between states and the Lumbee Tribe to enable Tribes to operate their own child protection programs

(c) Assistance to the Lumbee Tribe and tribal courts in enhancing legal services, case management, and child welfare services functions

(d) Efforts to reduce the disproportionate number of American Indian children removed from their homes

(e) Significant increases in the financial support provided Tribes and tribal courts by the U.S. Departments of Interior, Justice, and Health and Human Services that enhance services to American Indian children and their families, and to the legal and judicial systems that serve them; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina encourages federal, state, tribal governments, and the Lumbee Tribe Administration to provide the training and resources necessary to fully implement and enforce compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina encourages and supports efforts of state and local Department Social Services, legal services organizations, and public and private organizations to develop training and materials that educate the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina on requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina supports the determination to foster parenting and improvement of its implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act; and,

**THEREFORE**, Be it resolved, The Tribal Council of The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina supports all efforts to bring awareness and the natural needs and supports Indian Child Welfare.

**THEREFORE**, Be it further resolved, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina urges the full implementation of and compliance with Indian Child Welfare.

**CERTIFICATION**

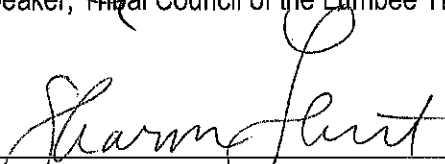
THIS **CLLR-2022-0721-01** "LUMBEE CHILDREN AND THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE \_\_\_ MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022 BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO, AND \_\_\_ ABSTENTION(S).



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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