



Dear Lumbee People,

July was a month of excitement for the Lumbee people. Lumbee Homecoming ended with thousands enjoying the parade, powwow, car show, fireworks, vendors, and much more. It was good to see many old friends and to make new ones. I enjoyed the conversations with Lumbees who traveled near and far to attend the many different events that make Lumbee Homecoming so special.

Thanks to our partnership with UNC-Pembroke and Director Jonathan Drahos, "Strike at the Wind!" was able to run 4 nights this year, with a packed house every night. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and resources for the outdoor drama. I also want to thank those individuals who worked hard to make sure the facility was ready for the play. Many upgrades have been completed and the Adolph Dial Amphitheater looks amazing. We will continue to upgrade the facility and work to get permanent seating in place. I will continue to work with UNC – Pembroke and Director Drahos to expand the drama.

We held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dreamcatcher – Union Chapel Housing Village. This new development provides 15 affordable rental homes to tribal families. This project, in conjunction with the Warriors' Way Housing Village in Raynham, constitutes 25 new rental homes for our citizens within the last 60 days. This type of progress shows the investment the Lumbee Tribe is making for our citizens and the overall tribal territory. It also shows the positive economic impact the Tribal Housing program has on local construction workers and suppliers.

I sent a team to Baltimore, Maryland to meet with our citizens and talk to them about our tribal services. I would like to thank Pastor BJ Hunt of South Broadway Baptist Church and the folks at the Baltimore Indian Center, who helped us get out the word on this outreach initiative. We plan to return to Baltimore in the near future. Our team is also preparing other outreach events inside and outside the Tribal territory.

I visited with Congressmen Butterfield, Bishop, Rouser, and Senators Burr and Tillis along with staff to Congressman Hudson and Congresswoman Ross in Washington, D.C., this month. These lawmakers are working hard to ensure the passage of the Lumbee Recognition Act. I am grateful for this bi-partisan group of lawmakers, who are working to right a law, that was passed during the height of the Indian Termination Era and continues to leave a black mark on Federal Indian policy today.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lumbee people. I love you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lowery".

John L. Lowery
Chairman

