

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2026-0820-001

DATE: August 20, 2026

“ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY DESIGNATION – HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT, TO INCLUDE GAMING”

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe, governed by the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") and vested with inherent powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the General Membership of the Tribe adopted the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") on November 16, 2001, to establish the framework of Tribal government and to protect the rights of Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the General Membership of the Tribe established three branches of government (i.e., legislative, executive, and judicial) and delegated all legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Council") under Article VII, Section 1, of the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, the United States fully restored the Tribe's status as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, including all federal benefits the Tribe should have always been entitled to but for the termination of such benefits under the Lumbee Act of 1956; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Tribe's status as a federally recognized Indian Tribe allows the Tribe to conduct gaming activities on Tribal lands, consistent with Tribal, federal, and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the Tribal Council determined in CLLO-2026-0416-02 that a clear governance framework for gaming was necessary to promote economic development, self-sufficiency, and a strong Tribal government, and to fund essential governmental services, including public safety, education, housing, healthcare, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, CLLO-2026-0416-01, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of the Tribal Constitution, authorized an amendment to be put before General Membership for approval which would have authorized gaming on Tribal lands and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2026, the Tribal Elections Board conducted a special election solely regarding the proposed amendment; and

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WHEREAS, on June 23, 2026, the General Membership considered the proposed amendment, and a majority of voters did not vote in favor of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, the Tribal Council held an emergency meeting at the request of Tribal Council members; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, at the emergency meeting of the Tribal Council, the following motion was considered and approved by a vote of 17-1:

In light of the unclear language contained in our Constitution and for similar reasons, I move we direct the General Counsel to take any/all steps, based on his best professional judgment, to explore any/all legal pathways that would allow this Nation's 575th federally recognized Tribe – the Lumbee Tribe of NC – in pursuit of its sovereign and earned right to pursue Hospitality and Entertainment opportunities, to include gaming; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, the Constitution and Ordinance Committee of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina met and discussed necessary steps to consider potential next steps consistent with the motion approved by the Tribal Council on June 25, 2026, and thereafter directed its General Counsel, Joshua D. Malcolm, to draft a gaming ordinance for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, the Constitution and Ordinance Committee announced that, should the Lumbee Tribe move forward with deliberation of any gaming-related authorization or consideration, it would hold public hearings and/or similar functions; create an electronic mechanism for Tribal citizens to submit feedback; provide other appropriate means for Tribal citizens to provide input; and conduct meaningful consultation with Tribal citizens to solicit their feedback; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2026, the Constitution and Ordinance Committee reviewed and discussed a draft gaming ordinance, as prepared by its General Counsel, Joshua D. Malcolm, and other matters; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that further consideration of hospitality and entertainment opportunities, to include gaming, must proceed through lawful pathways consistent with the June 25, 2026, motion, the Tribal Constitution, and applicable Tribal, federal, and other laws; and

WHEREAS, on August xx, 2026, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest and welfare of the Tribe to continue its pursuit and consideration of taking bold and

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necessary steps to promote economic development, self-sufficiency, and a strong Tribal government, with funding to support essential governmental services, including public safety, education, housing, healthcare, and infrastructure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina declares that further consideration, evaluation, and pursuit of the Tribe's sovereign and inherit right to pursue hospitality and entertainment opportunities, to include gaming, would support substantial economic development opportunities and is hereby designated as the Tribe's top economic and community development priority.

CERTIFICATION

THIS **CLLR-2026-0820-001** "ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY DESIGNATION – HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT, TO INCLUDE GAMING" ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 18 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 20 DAY OF AUGUST 2026 BY A VOTE OF 17 YES, 1 NO, AND 3 ABSTENTION(S), 0 RECUSE(S).

Bobby Emanuel 8/20/26
ATTEST: BOBBY EMANUEL DATE
Vice Chair, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Sharon Hunt 8/20/26
ATTEST: SHARON HUNT DATE
Acting Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT

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17 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 3 ABSTENTION(S)

District 1:	Billy Oxendine	NO
District 2:	Graylen Mitchell	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
District 4:	Jody Bullard	YES
District 5:	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Rubalena Locklear	YES
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	ABSENT
District 9:	Johnny Bell	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	YES
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	ABSENT
District 12:	Josephine Doss	YES
District 13:	Alex Baker	ABSENT
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES
District 15:	Sharon Hunt	YES
District 16:	Nanci Locklear	YES
District 17:	Sandra Dial	YES
District 18:	Mary Locklear	YES
District 19:	Larry Soles	YES
District 20:	Rudy Locklear	YES
District 21:	Eric Chavis	YES