

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2020-1015-01

Date: OCTOBER 15, 2020

“Native American Mascots”

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

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina delegates all legislative authority to the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribal Council has the authority and responsibility to protect and foster the education, culture, history, and heritage of the Lumbee Tribe and Lumbee tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribal Council recognizes certain educational institutions were founded for Native Americans and have a deep historical connection to Native American communities such as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and do have the right, as a Historically Recognized Native American School, to emulate that heritage; and

WHEREAS, Native American mascots were born in an era when racism and bigotry were accepted by mainstream America, "Indian" sports brands have grown to become multi-million dollar franchises and have become accepted by mainstream America; and

WHEREAS, The National Congress of American Indians have since 1968 launched a campaign to address stereotypes of Native American people in popular culture and media, as well as in sports and firmly believe these caricatures and stereotypes are harmful, perpetuate negative stereotypes of America's first peoples, and contribute to a disregard for the personhood of Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs issued a resolution in 2000 stating the use of offensive Native American descriptions naming mascots, logos, and sports team nicknames contribute to a negative learning environment in our public schools and Institutions of Higher Education, and perpetuates a continuum of negative stereotypes about Native Americans, their culture, their heritage, and their traditions; and

WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association issued a statement based on research by Stephanie Fryberg, PhD, of the University of Arizona stating Native American mascots undermine the educational experiences of members of all communities-especially those who have had little or no contact with indigenous peoples and establishes an unwelcome and often times hostile learning environment for Native American students that affirms negative images/stereotypes that are promoted in mainstream society; and

WHEREAS, The National Collegiate Athletic Association introduced a policy in 2005 prohibiting colleges or universities with hostile or abusive mascots, nicknames or imagery from hosting any NCAA championship competitions which took effect 2006 also went on to further state institutions displaying or promoting hostile or abusive references on their mascots, cheerleaders, dance teams and band uniforms or paraphernalia are prohibited from wearing the material at NCAA championships, effective in 2008, and the NCAA committee also strongly suggested that institutions follow the best practices of institutions that do not support the use of Native American mascots or imagery; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans and Alaska Native students have dropout rates twice the national average; the highest dropout rate of any United States ethnic or racial group and Lumbee Indian students constantly emulate the same statistics we want to do all we can to encourage success; and

THEREFORE, Be it enacted by the Lumbee Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to oppose any and all derogatory, offensive, and or inflammatory Native American Mascots for any and all educational institutions.

CERTIFICATION

THIS **CLLR-2020-1015-01** "NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTS" ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 20 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, BY A VOTE OF 20 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTENTION(S).

Ricky Burnett

ATTEST: RICKY BURNETT
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

10/15/2020

DATE

Sharon Hunt

ATTEST: SHARON HUNT
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPTED

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20 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S)

District 1:	Carvicous Barfield	YES
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	James B. Hunt	YES
	Pam Hunt	YES
District 4:	Ted Woodell	ABSENT
District 5:	Jarrold Lowery	YES
	Wendy Moore	YES
District 6:	Douglas Locklear, Jr.	YES
	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Yvonne Dial	YES
	Alvin Mercer	YES
	Reginald Oxendine, Jr.	YES
District 8:	Corbin Eddings	YES
District 9:	Dewey McNeill	YES
District 10:	Marshil Locklear	YES
District 11:	Frank Cooper	YES
District 12:	Shelley Strickland	YES
	Michael Chavis	YES
District 13:	Ricky Burnett	YES
District 14:	Terry Hunt	YES