LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLO-2026-0917-12 **DATE: September 17, 2026**

"GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE"

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign powers of self-government, including the authority and responsibility to pursue meaningful economic development projects and priorities;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution delegates legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Council"), and the Tribal Council exercises that authority in furtherance of the Tribe's sovereignty, self-determination, and duty to provide resources for programs for the Lumbee People;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority to approve, enact, and amend the annual fiscal budget and budget process;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is responsible for oversight and review of all budget components;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authority and fiduciary responsibility to ensure compliance with program funding and allocations;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe has an initial contract to perform work funded under a Good Neighbor Agreement grant for five million dollars ($5,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, Lumbee Tribe Holdings, Inc. dba Lumbee Holdings, Inc. ("LH") is wholly owned by the Lumbee Tribe;

WHEREAS, LH was established for the purpose of serving as the economic development arm of the Lumbee Tribe regarding federal government contracting opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe desires LH to carry out its responsibilities with respect to the initial GNA award and subsequent awards from USDA;

WHEREAS, subsequent awards from the USDA may require "Time of the Essence" determinations and decisions to respond to U.S. government needs and/or operational requirements;

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Tribal Council that the following ordinance shall be cited as the "Good Neighbor Agreement Lumbee Tribe of NC and U.S. Department of Agriculture," subject to all inclusions and provisions as described in the budget;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Lumbee Tribe delegates the responsibility of carrying out all responsibilities under the initial award to LH as its economic development arm for federal government contracting opportunities;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Lumbee Tribe delegates the responsibility of carrying out all responsibilities under subsequent awards from the USDA up to fifty million dollars ($50,000,000.00) upon submission of each award to the Tribal Council Executive Committee for written concurrence;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Tribal Council Executive Committee, upon written request from the LH CEO who provides all necessary and subsequently requested information without delay, hereby has the delegated authority to approve subsequent engagements/awards up to a total of fifty million dollars ($50,000,000.00);

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Tribal Council Executive Committee shall report to the Tribal Council Finance Committee any actions delegated to them at the next meeting of the Finance Committee;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a process by which LH can onboard USDA business opportunities in a manner that allows for operational efficiency and clear delegation;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, nothing in this Ordinance shall waive the sovereign immunity of the Lumbee Tribe, its officials, its agencies, or its instrumentalities.

Good Neighbor Agreement (initial award)

Indirect Cost to LTNC	$	652,173.91
Direct Services/Contract	$	4,347,826.09

CERTIFICATION

THIS **CLLO-2026-0917-12,** named "**GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**," 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 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026, BY A VOTE OF 18 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTENTION(S).

9/17/2026

ATTEST: ALBERT ALEXANDER BAKER — DATE
SPEAKER, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Chocajuana Oxendine 9/17/2026

ATTEST: CHOCAJUANA OXENDINE — DATE
SECRETARY, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

9/26/26

ATTEST: JOHN L. LOWERY — DATE
CHAIRMAN, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

POSTING

THIS CLLO-2026-0917-12 "GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," duly posted on the _____ day of SEPTEMBER 2026.

Melissa Hunt 9/17/26

ATTEST: MELISSA HUNT — DATE
TRIBAL CLERK DESIGNEE, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

LUMBEE TRIBE TRIBAL CLERK OF NORTH CAROLINA

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	ABSENT
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
District 4:	Jody Bullard	YES
District 5:	Carrington Locklear	ABSENT
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Rubalena Locklear	YES
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	YES
District 9:	Johnny Bell	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 15:	Sharon Hunt	YES
District 16:	Nanci Locklear	YES
District 17:	Sandra Dial	ABSENT
District 18:	Mary Locklear	YES
District 19:	Larry Soles	YES
District 20:	Rudy Locklear	YES
District 21:	Eric Chavis	YES

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

The Desk of the Tribal Clerk

Record of Posting

Tribal Ordinance: **CLLO-2026-0917-12**

Posted Date: 09/17/2026

Presented to Tribal Chairman for Review: 09/17/2026

Signature of Veto Date: 09/26/2026

Reason for Veto:

Other:

John L. Lowery — Date: 9/26/26

Tribal Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Melissa Hunt — Date: 9/26/26

Tribal Clerk Designee of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina