

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2026-0820-003

DATE AUGUST 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO IDENTIFY PFAS SOURCES, REDUCE EXPOSURE, AND PROTECT LUMBEE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, recent findings of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS, confirm that long-lasting chemicals are present in the environment and may remain in the human body for extended periods, requiring immediate, decisive, and accountable action from government officials, not delay, excuses, or half-measures; and

WHEREAS, PFAS concerns in drinking-water sources in Robeson County and throughout the tribal territory are an urgent and unacceptable public-health threat to Lumbee communities and the general public, requiring officials to identify the source, conduct complete testing, share results openly, and take concrete steps to reduce and prevent exposure; and

WHEREAS, current scientific studies indicate that exposure to certain PFAS may be associated with increased cholesterol, reduced immune response, liver and thyroid effects, pregnancy-related complications, developmental effects in infants and children, and increased risk of certain cancers, including kidney and testicular cancer; and

WHEREAS, pregnant women, infants, children, elders, individuals with existing health conditions, and households relying upon private wells may face heightened risk and must be prioritized in education, testing, exposure-reduction, and emergency safe-water assistance efforts; and

WHEREAS, protecting the health, safety, water resources, and future generations of the Lumbee People is among the highest responsibilities of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and reflects the Tribe's sovereign responsibility to protect the health, welfare, and future of the Lumbee People; and the Lumbee Tribal Council declares that every Lumbee family and every resident of Robeson County and throughout the tribal territory has the right to safe drinking water, clear information about risks, and prompt action from the federal, state, and local officials responsible for protecting public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe, through its Tribal Council Health Committee and Tribal Administration, has begun engaging with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, state and local government officials, water-system representatives, health agencies, university researchers, and other partners; however, meetings and discussions are not enough unless they lead to timely source identification, enforceable mitigation, accountability for responsible

parties, emergency exposure reduction, and lasting protection for Tribal citizens and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lumbee Tribal Council Health Committee demands continued and expanded action by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and calls on federal, state, and local officials to act with urgency, accountability, transparency, and measurable results within a clear and publicly announced timeline by taking the following actions:

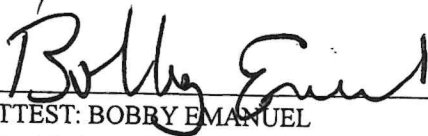
1. Identify the source or sources of PFAS contamination through immediate and ongoing coordination among the EPA, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, local governments, public water systems, researchers, and other federal and state officials; report findings publicly; and determine who is responsible for corrective action.
2. Test public drinking-water sources, private wells, groundwater, surface water, treatment systems, and potential contributing sites that serve or affect Lumbee communities on an immediate, complete, and recurring basis.
3. Release clear and understandable testing results to Tribal citizens and the public without delay.
4. Secure and use federal, state, Tribal, local, and private funding without delay for water testing, certified filtration systems, short-term safe-water assistance, treatment infrastructure, health education, medical guidance, environmental investigation, source-control measures, enforcement support, and long-term monitoring.
5. Provide Tribal members and affected residents with direct, plain-language, science-based information about PFAS exposure, available testing resources, appropriate filtration options, immediate risk-reduction steps, and when to consult a healthcare provider, without withholding important information.
6. Deliver immediate assistance to vulnerable Tribal members, affected households, schools, childcare settings, elders, communities with elevated PFAS levels, and households that rely on private wells and may not receive routine water-quality monitoring.
7. Provide frequent public updates on meetings, testing data, source-identification efforts, enforcement actions, funding commitments, available assistance, timelines, responsible agencies, and specific steps being taken to protect Tribal communities and the public until the source is identified and exposure risks are reduced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lumbee Tribal Council demands that all responsible federal, state, and local officials identify the source or sources of PFAS contamination without delay, stop ongoing releases, hold responsible parties accountable, reduce risks to Lumbee Tribal citizens and the general public, and ensure that no community is left to live with unsafe drinking water while investigations, enforcement, cleanup, and funding decisions remain pending. Safe water is not optional; it is a basic responsibility owed to our people and to every affected community. The Lumbee Tribal Council affirms that safe water is a fundamental public-health

obligation, and the Tribe will continue to demand answers, accountability, and action until the source of contamination is identified, exposure risks are reduced, and affected communities are protected.

CERTIFICATION

THIS CLLR-2026-0820-003 "A RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO IDENTIFY PFAS SOURCES, REDUCE EXPOSURE, AND PROTECT LUMBEE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC" 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 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026 BY A VOTE OF 18 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTION(S) AND 0 RECUSE



ATTEST: BOBBY EMANUEL

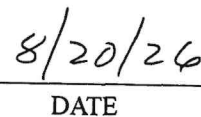
Vice Chair, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina


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ATTEST: SHARON HUNT

Acting Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina


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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	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