

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLO- 2011-1215-03

DATE: December 15, 2011

"FEBRUARY 2 TRIBAL DAY OF HISTORICAL RECOGNITION: ADOPTION OF "LUMBEE" AS TRIBAL NAME"

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") and its inherent powers of self-government;

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

WHEREAS, Between 1885 and 1952, our people were legally designated by the North Carolina General Assembly as: "Croatan" (1885); "Indians of Robeson County" (1911); and, "Cherokee Indians of Robeson County" (1913); and

WHEREAS, Tribal members held a series of community meetings in 1951 to choose a tribal name which more accurately described the ancestry of our people and ended any confusion between our people and other American Indians in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Rev. D.F. Lowry, a Tribal member and proponent of the name change, argued that "because the tribe is composed originally of members from different tribes, no one historical name is appropriate. Rather, ... the tribe should take its name from a geographical name, [like] earlier tribes in the area [did]"; and

WHEREAS, Our Tribal homeland is situated in present-day Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties in North Carolina. Our people know the main waterway which snakes its way through our homeland by its ancestral name of "Lumbee" even though the North Carolina General Assembly legally designated it the "Lumber River" in 1809;" and

WHEREAS, After a series of community meetings during the previous year, a Tribal referendum on the name change was held February 2, 1952, with only Robeson County tribal members participating. The two ballot options were (1) "Remain Cherokees of Robeson County" and (2) "Become Lumbee Indians of North Carolina." Polling sites were setup at fourteen of the county's Indian schools. Due to irregularities during the February 2 referendum, a special vote for the Ashpole Center site was held the following week. According to the final vote tally, "Lumbee" was adopted by a wide margin - 2,169 for Lumbee and 35 to retain Cherokee. Of the 4,500 to 5,000 Indians registered to vote in Robeson County, almost 50 percent participated in the referendum; and

WHEREAS, In 1953, the North Carolina General Assembly reaffirmed the act of tribal sovereignty and self-determination by enacting legislation which changed the legal name of the tribe from "Cherokee Indians of Robeson County" to "Lumbee Indians of North Carolina"; and

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WHEREAS, On June 7, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the Lumbee Act, which recognized the tribe but simultaneously denied us the benefits and services of federal recognition; and

WHEREAS, February 2, 2012 will mark the 60th anniversary of the adoption of "Lumbee" as the tribal name; and,

THEREFORE, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina this ordinance that shall be cited as "**FEBRUARY 2 TRIBAL DAY OF HISTORICAL RECOGNITION: ADOPTION OF 'LUMBEE' AS TRIBAL NAME.**"

THEREFORE, Be it further enacted, February 2 is, from this day forward, declared a Tribal day of Historical Recognition in remembrance and honor of tribal member's assertion of our intrinsic right to self-determination and tribal sovereignty, and shall be observed on an annual basis.

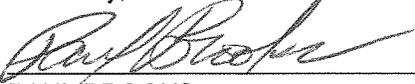
THEREFORE, Be it further enacted, the Tribal Day of Historical Recognition shall be known as "Lumbee Day."

CERTIFICATION

THIS CLLO-2011-1215-03 "**FEBRUARY 2 TRIBAL DAY OF HISTORICAL RECOGNITION: ADOPTION OF 'LUMBEE' AS TRIBAL NAME**", ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE 21-MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 20 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011 BY A VOTE OF 20 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S).

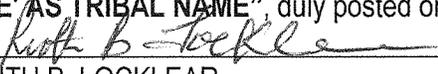

ATTEST: STEVE SAMPSON 14-12
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Date


ATTEST: LINDA REVELS 1-12-12
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Date


PAUL BROOKS Date
Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

POSTING

This CLLO-2011-1215-03 "**FEBRUARY 2 : TRIBAL DAY OF HISTORICAL RECOGNITION: ADOPTION OF 'LUMBEE' AS TRIBAL NAME**" duly posted on this the 19th day of January, 2012.


ATTEST: RUTH B. LOCKLEAR 1-19-2012
Tribal Clerk, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Date

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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT

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20 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S)

District 1:	Audrey Revels Hunt	YES
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Larmari Louise Mitchell	YES
District 3:	Pearlean Revels	YES
	Pam Hunt	YES
District 4:	Helen H. Locklear	YES
District 5:	Kernice Lee Locklear	YES
	Charles Bullard	YES
District 6:	James Deese	YES
	Larry Anthony Chavis	YES
District 7:	Robert Chavis	YES
	Larry Campbell	YES
	Terry Campbell	YES
District 8:	Steve Sampson	YES
District 9:	James Taft Smith	YES
District 10:	Terry Collins	YES
District 11:	Linda Revels	YES
District 12:	Danita Locklear	YES
	Shelley Strickland	EXCUSED
District 13:	William Maiden	YES
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES

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