



THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION
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May 10, 2019

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
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Dear Chairman Godwin-

The purpose of this letter is to express the full support of the Catawba Indian Nation for House Bill 1964 and Senate Bill 1368- bills to provide for the federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe.

Due to our own sad history of termination and the long fight for restoration of our federal recognition, the Catawba people understand the critical importance of federal recognition and the limitations imposed on a Tribal Nation who is denied such recognition. The Lumbee people have long fought for full federal recognition and the same rights and privileges afforded to all federally recognized tribes, including the inherent sovereign right to determine its own destiny.

It is long past time for the federal government to grant federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe. The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is a friend, relative, and neighbor of the Catawba Indian Nation, and we fully support the full federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Harris".

Bill Harris
Chief of the Catawba Indian Nation

Jason Harris
Assistant Chief

William Harris
Chief

Roderick Beck
Secretary/Treasurer



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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
CATAWBA INDIAN NATION
May 9, 2019**

Resolution Number: 20190509B

WHEREAS, the Catawba Indian Nation was restored to its Federal Status on October 23, 1993 (Public Law 103-116);

WHEREAS, the General Council is the governing body of the Catawba Indian Nation pursuant to Article 3 Section 1 of the Catawba Indian Nation Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has the duty to act on behalf of the General Council when not in session and has the charge of all routine matters which shall arise pursuant to Article 1 Section 3 of the Catawba Constitution By-laws;

WHEREAS, due to our own sad history of termination and the long fight for restoration of our federal recognition, the Catawba people understand the critical importance of federal recognition and the limitations imposed on a Tribal Nation who is denied such recognition;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee people have long fought for full federal recognition and the same rights and privileges afforded to all federally recognized tribes, including the inherent sovereign right to determine its own destiny;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe is a friend and neighbor of the Catawbas and the Catawba Indian Nation seeks to further our relationship with the Lumbee Tribe;

WHEREAS, Chairman Harvey Godwin of the Lumbee Tribe has asked for the support of the Catawba Indian Nation in its pursuit for full federal recognition and the Catawba Indian Nation, through its Executive Committee seeks to give such support;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Catawba Indian Nation by and through its Executive Committee does hereby declare its support for the full federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and directs Chief William Harris to send this resolution and a letter of support to Chairman Harvey Godwin.

Jason Harris
Assistant Chief

William Harris
Chief

Roderick Beck
Secretary/Treasurer



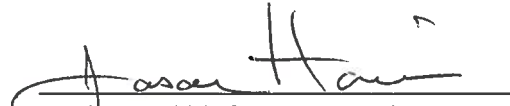
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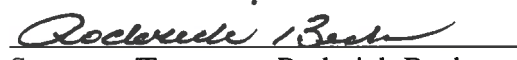
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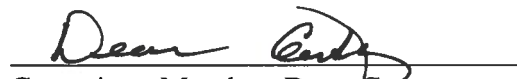
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS ENACTED WITH A VOTE OF 4 YES, 0 NAY,
AND 0 ABSTENTIONS WITH A QUORUM PRESENT ON MAY 9, 2019, AND
CERTIFIED THERETO BY THE SIGNATURES BELOW:


Chief, William Harris


Assistant Chief, Jason Harris


Secretary/Treasurer, Roderick Beck

Committee Member, Samuel Beck


Committee Member, Dean Canty

Jason Harris
Assistant Chief

William Harris
Chief

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