

**TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION- TBTR-2019-034**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1964, THE LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana is a federally recognized Indian tribe;

**WHEREAS**, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the duly elected governing body of the Tribe, as authorized by Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Tribe ("Constitution");

**WHEREAS**, the United States and Indian Tribes have a unique relationship set out in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, statues, and affirmed through centuries of court precedent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina are an amalgamation of various Siouan, Algonquian, and Iroquoian speaking tribes which have historically occupied the south-central lands along the Lumber River (also known as the Lumbee River); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina was first recognized by the state of North Carolina in 1885 and has sought full federal recognition from the United States of America since 1888; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956, Congress passed the Lumbee Act, also known as H.R. 4656, which designated the Lumbee as an Indian people, but withheld full recognition for the Lumbee and eligibility for federal services; and

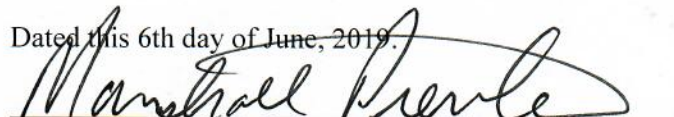
**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1964, also known as the Lumbee Recognition Act, amends the Act of June 7, 1956, to extend federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and make its members eligible for the services and benefits provided to members of federally recognized tribes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council hereby supports and encourages Congress to enact H.R. 1964, the Lumbee Recognition Act


**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, certify that the Tribal Council of said Tribe is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 5, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly called, noted, convened and held this 6th day of June, 2019; and that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by a vote of 6 members in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2019.

  
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Marshall Pierite, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Beverly C. Rachal, Secretary-Treasurer