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(as of February 3, 2006)

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TOTAL OF ALL PETITIONERS -----		314
HISTORICAL NOTE:		
40	petitioners when 25 CFR Part 83 became effective October 1978	
274	new petitioners since October 1978	
314	total letters of intent and petitions received to date ¹	

¹ Includes groups that initially petitioned as part of other groups but have since split off to petition separately.

**PETITIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

(as of February 3, 2006)

ACTIVE STATUS - 10

Office of Federal Acknowledgment's Action Items - 8:

Petitioner Awaiting Proposed Finding - 3

Members

- ca 1462 Mashpee Wampanoag, MA (#15) (letter of intent 7/7/1975; doc'n recv'd 8/16/90; OD ltr 7/30/91; respn recv'd 1/24/96; ready 2/14/96; add'l doc'n recv'd 7/11/00, 9/27/00; active 2/2/02; circuit court granted stay 6/10/02; district court reversed 8/1/03; active 10/1/05)
- ca 783 Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, CA (#84b) (withdrew from #84a 12/17/94; letter of intent 3/8/96; doc'n recv'd 3/8/96; TA ltr 5/15/96; respn recv'd 5/23/96; doc'n recv'd 8/2/04; active 9/30/05)
- ca 1649 Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, CA (#84a) (letter of intent 8/17/82; doc'n recv'd 2/24/88; OD ltr 1/25/90; respn recv'd 9/24/93, complete; removed from "ready" list 05/19/95; respn recv'd 9/28/95; complete and ready 2/12/96; active 9/30/05)

Petitioner Awaiting Amended Proposed Finding - 2

- ca 2545 Biloxi, Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogeese, Inc., LA (#56a) (Withdrew from the United Houma Nation, Inc. (UHN #56) 9/6/95; responding to same proposed finding; comment period closed 5/12/97; active 2/4/05)
- ca 682 Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe, LA (#56b) (Withdrew from the UHN #56 7/22/1996; responding to same proposed finding; comment period closed 11/6/97); active 2/4/05)

Final Determinations Pending - 3

- 3893 Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of MT (#31) (4/28/78; active 2/12/97; proposed positive finding published 7/21/00; comment period closed 1/17/01; extended at request of petitioner to 7/16/01, to 1/12/02, to 7/16/02, to 1/16/03, to 7/14/03, to 1/10/04, to 5/9/04, to 9/7/04, to 2/1/05, and to 2/5/05; response period closed 4/6/05)
- 17616 United Houma Nation, Inc., LA (#56) (7/10/79; active 5/20/91; proposed negative finding published 12/22/94; comment period closed 11/13/96; respn to 3rd-party comments recv'd 2/4/97; waiting to comment on proposed findings for #56a and #56b)
- c 490 Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Inc., MI (#101) (09/12/1985; doc'n recv'd 9/4/95; TA ltr 4/5/95; respn 10/26/95; ready 10/26/95; active 10/17/98; proposed negative finding published 4/15/04; comment period closed 10/12/04; extended at request of petitioner to 2/10/05, to 4/11/05)

Petitioners' Action Items - 2:

Commenting on Proposed Finding - 2

- 1171 St. Francis/Sokoki Band of Abenakis of Vermont, VT (#68)(4/15/1980; OD ltr 6/14/83; "ready" 8/1/86; petitioner says "not ready" 9/18/90; complete and ready 1/17/96; active 2/4/05; proposed negative finding published 11/17/05; comment period closes 5/16/06)
- 612 Steilacoom Tribe, WA (#11) (8/28/1974; active 7/11/95; proposed negative finding published 2/7/00; comment period closed 8/4/00; extended at request of petitioner to 2/4/01, to 3/29/01, to 8/5/02, to 2/1/03; pending request to reopen comment period and extend at request of petitioner)

READY STATUS - 9

Ready, Waiting for Active Consideration - 9

Administrative Note: These petitioners have corrected deficiencies and stated their petitions should be considered "ready" for active consideration. Priority among "ready" petitions is based on the date that the Department determines the petition to be "ready." Under the regulations at 83.10(d), "The order of consideration of documented petitions shall be determined by the date of the Bureau's notification to the petitioner that it considers that the documented petition is ready to be placed on active consideration."

<u>Ready Date</u>	<u>Name of Petitioner</u>
2/28/96	Brothertown Indian Nation, WI (#67) (4/15/80; doc'n recv'd 2/13/96; no TA review ltr, see ltr of 2/18/98)
7/30/96	Tolowa Nation, CA (#85) (1/31/83; doc'n recv'd 5/12/86; OD ltr 4/6/88; respn recv'd 8/22/95 and 11/22/95; limited TA ltr 5/16/96; respn recv'd 7/30/96)
5/29/97	Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (formerly Tiwa Indian Tribe), NM (#5) (1/18/71; doc'n recv'd 3/24/92; OD ltr 8/25/93; respn recv'd 1/10/97)
10/6/97	Meherrin Tribe, NC (#119b); (6/27/95; partial doc'n recv'd 9/11/95; TA ltr 3/15/96; respn recv'd 8/22/97 and 10/1/98)
1/16/98	Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (#82) (formerly American Indian Council of Mariposa County aka Yosemite), CA (4/24/82; doc'n recv'd 4/19/84; OD ltr 5/1/85; respn 12/12/86; 2nd OD ltr 4/11/88; respn rec'd 1/26/95 and 1/16/98)
1/29/03	Muscogee Nation of Florida (#32) (formerly Florida Tribe of Eastern Creek Indians), FL (6/2/78; doc'n recv'd 9/28/95; TA ltr 4/11/96; respn recv'd 3/19/02 and 6/5/02)
6/9/03	Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees, Inc. (#41) (aka Dahlonega, Cane Break Band), GA (01/09/79; doc'n recv'd 2/5/80; OD ltr 8/22/80; respn recv'd 8/10/98; TA ltr 1/19/99; respn recv'd 2/14/02 and 2/14/03)
9/9/03	Shinnecock Tribe, NY (#4) (2/8/78; partial doc'n recv'd 9/25/98; TA ltr 12/22/98; partial res'n recv'd 6/10/03 and 9/9/03)
9/15/03	Amah Mutsun Band of Ohlone/Coastanoan Indians, CA (#120) (9/18/90; doc'n recv'd 8/22/95; TA ltr 5/21/96; partial respn recv'd 9/26/96, 6/10/98; TA ltr 2/16/99; partial respn recv'd 5/20/02, 8/15/03, and 9/15/03)

PETITIONS RESOLVED - 60

(as of February 3, 2006)

RESOLVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - 41

Status Clarified through Acknowledgment Process - 38

Acknowledged through 25 CFR 83 - 15

Members

297 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa, MI (#3) (eff. 5/27/80)
175 Jamestown Clallam Tribe, WA (#19) (eff. 2/10/81)
200 Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe, LA (#1) (eff. 9/25/81)
199 Death Valley Timbi-Sha Shoshone Band, CA (#51) (eff. 1/3/83)
1170 Narragansett Indian Tribe, RI (#59) (eff. 4/11/83)
1470 Poarch Band of Creeks, AL (#13) (eff. 8/10/84)
521 Wampanoag Tribal Council of Gay Head, MA (#76) (eff. 4/11/87)
188 San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, AZ (#71) (eff. 3/28/90)
972 Mohegan Indian Tribe, CT (#38) (eff. 5/14/94)
189 Jena Band of Choctaws, LA (#45) (eff. 8/29/95)
602 Huron Potawatomi Inc., MI (#9) (eff. 3/17/96)
590 Samish Indian Tribe, WA (#14) (eff. 4/26/96)
143 Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of MI [formerly,
Gun Lake Band] (#9a) (eff. 8/23/99)
313 Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, WA (#20) (eff. 10/6/99)
1517 Cowlitz Tribe of Indians, WA (#16) (eff. 1/4/02)

Denied acknowledgment through 25 CFR 83 - 23

Members

1041 Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe-East of the MS, GA (#8) (eff. 12/21/81)
2696 Creeks East of the Mississippi, FL (#10) (eff. 12/21/81)
34 Munsee-Thames River Delaware, CO (#26) (eff. 1/3/83)
324 Principal Creek Indian Nation, AL (#7) (eff. 6/10/85)
1530 Kaweah Indian Nation, CA (#70a) (eff. 6/10/85)
1321 United Lumbee Nation of NC and America, CA (#70) (eff. 7/2/85)
823 Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy (SECC), GA (#29) (eff. 11/25/85)
[Name changed in 1996 to American Cherokee Confederacy]
609 Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band, SECC, OR (#29a) (eff. 11/25/85)
87 Red Clay Inter-tribal Indian Band, SECC, TN (#29b) (eff. 11/25/85)
304 Tchinouk Indians, OR (#52) (eff. 3/17/86)
275 MaChis Lower AL Creek Indian Tribe, AL (#87) (eff. 8/22/88)
4381 Miami Nation of Indians of IN, Inc., IN (#66) (eff. 8/17/92)
c2500 Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc., NJ (#58) (eff. 1/7/98)
c4000 MOWA Band of Choctaw, AL (#86) (eff. 11/26/99)
327 Yuchi Tribal Organization, OK (#121) (eff. 3/21/00)
356 Duwamish Indian Tribe, WA (#25) (eff. 5/8/02)
1566 Chinook Indian Tribe/Chinook Nation, WA (#57) (eff. 7/5/02)
419 Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay, CA [formerly Ohlone/
Coastanoan Muwekma Tribe] (#111) (eff. 12/16/02)
1113 Snohomish Tribe of Indians, WA (#12) (eff. 3/5/04)
108 Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe, CT (#81) (eff. 3/18/05)
1004 Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut, CT (#35) (eff. 10/14/05)
144 Paucatuck Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut, CT (#113) (eff. 10/14/05)
271 Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, CT (#79) (eff. 10/14/05)

PETITIONS RESOLVED, (cont.)

Status Clarified by Legislation at Department's Request - 1

Members

c224 Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, MI (#6)
(legis clarification 9/8/88)

Status Clarified by Other Means - 2

Members

650 Texas Band of Traditional Kickapoos, TX (#54) (Determined part of
recognized tribe 9/14/81; petition withdrawn)
32 Ione Band of Miwok Indians, CA (#2) (Status confirmed by Assistant
Secretary 3/22/94)

RESOLVED BY CONGRESS - 9

Legislative Restoration - 2

Members

328 Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, OR (#17)
(legis restoration 10/17/84)
-- Federated Coast Miwok, CA (2/8/95)(#154) (restored under the name Graton
Rancheria) (legis restoration 12/27/00)

Legislative Recognition - 7

Members

651 Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, OR (#72) (legis recog'n 12/29/82)
55 Western (Mashantucket) Pequot Tribe, CT (#42) (legis recog'n 10/18/83 in
association with eastern land claims suit)
611 Aroostook Band of Micmacs, ME (#103) (legis recog'n 11/26/91)
c2500 Pokagon Potawatomi Indians of Indiana & Michigan, IN (#75/78) (legis
recog'n 9/21/94)
c3500 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, MI (#115) (legis recog'n
9/21/94)
c2700 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, MI (#125) (legis recog'n 9/21/94)
-- Loyal Shawnee Tribe, OK (#203) (legis recog'n 12/27/00)

RESOLVED BY OTHER MEANS - 10

Petition withdrawn (merged with another petition) - 4

Potawatomi Indians of IN & MI, Inc., MI (#75) and Potawatomi Indian Nation,
Inc., MI (Pokagon), (#78) merged; became Pokagon (#78)
Cane Break Band of Eastern Cherokees (#41a) (1/9/79; rejoined #41, 7/16/97)
Creek-Euchee Band of Indians of the Blountstown Indian Community of Florida
(#218) (11/23/99; rejoined #41, 10/20/00)
Hatteras Tuscarora Indians, NC (#34) (6/24/78; merged with Petitioner #215, 3/22/04)

Petition withdrawn at petitioner's request - 4²

Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, CA (#131) (11/16/92; withdrawn 11/15/96)
Tuscola United Cherokee Tribe of Florida and Alabama, Inc., FL (#43) (1/19/79; withdrawn 11/24/97)
Costanoan Tribe of Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions, CA (#210) (5/11/99; withdrawn 5/10/00)
Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe of Coarsegold, CA (#99) (5/9/85; enrolled with Picayune Rancheria after 1988;
withdrawn 9/06/00)

Group formally dissolved - 1

Tuscarora Indian Tribe, Drowning Creek Res., NC (#73) (2/25/81; group formally dissolved; withdrawn
02/19/97)

Group removed from process - 1

Federation: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. [Ancient Moabites or Moors], MD (#167) (By letter
5/15/97 the BIA determined not to treat this group as a petitioner since it does not seek identification as a
tribe of Indians and does not fall within the scope of the 25 CFR Part 83 regulations)

IN POST-FINAL DECISION APPEAL PROCESS - 2

Before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) - 2

Members

526 Nipmuc Nation (Hassanamisco Band), MA (#69a) (Final Determination published 6/25/04;
reconsideration request filed 9/23/04)
357 Webster/Dudley Band of Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Indians, MA (#69b) (Final Determination
published 6/25/04; reconsideration request filed 9/23/04)

DECISIONS IN LITIGATION - (2)

Members

419 Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay, CA [formerly Ohlone/
Coastanoan Muwekma Tribe] (#111) (denied eff. 12/16/02)
271 Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, CT (#79)(denied eff. 10/14/05)

² One group was never included in official count: SouthEastern Indian Nation, GA (#164) (incomplete letter of
intent 1/5/96; withdrawn 11/10/97)

REGISTER
of
INCOMPLETE PETITIONS³ - 77
pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(d)
(as of February 3, 2006)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: These petitioners have submitted documentation and are not ready for evaluation. They are either preparing to submit complete documentation, awaiting TA letters, or preparing responses to OD or TA letters issued by the Department.

Numbers assigned to petitioners under the "old regs" have been retained to avoid the confusion that renumbering would create. For the purpose of this register, petitioners are listed in numerical sequence based on the chronological order in which the Branch of Acknowledgment and Research (BAR) or the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) received the letter of intent to petition. Gaps in numbering represent petitions that have already been resolved, are now in active or ready status, or have submitted only a letter of intent to petition.

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Name of Petitioner and Status</u>
18	Little Shell Band of North Dakota, ND (11/11/75; doc'n recv'd 7/27/95; TA ltr 11/8/95)
22	Washoe/Paiute of Antelope Valley, CA (7/9/76; doc'n recv'd 3/15/97; TA ltr 3/20/98)
23	Four Hole Indian Organization/Edisto Tribe, SC (12/30/76; partial doc'n recv'd 1983)
24	United Maidu Nation, CA (01/06/77; doc'n recv'd 3/8/95; TA ltr 10/27/95)
27	Cherokee Indians of Georgia, Inc., GA (8/8/77; partial doc'n recv'd 6/11/96; TA ltr 9/24/96)
28	Piscataway-Conoy Confederacy & Sub-Tribes, Inc., MD (2/22/78; doc'n recv'd 6/20/95; TA ltr 11/27/95)
30	Clifton Choctaw, LA (3/22/78; doc'n recv'd c.9/28/90; OD ltr 8/13/91)
32a	Apalachicola Band of Creek Indians, FL (1/22/96; partial doc'n recv'd 1/26/01)
37	Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb, LA (7/2/78; doc'n recv'd 12/10/98; TA ltr 9/18/02)
55	Delawares of Idaho, ID (6/26/79; doc'n recv'd 6/14/79; OD ltr 9/24/79; partial respn recv'd 12/10/79)
61	Rappahannock Indian Tribe (formerly United Rappahannock Tribe, Inc.), VA (11/16/79; partial doc'n recv'd 9/6/01)
62	The Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe (formerly Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribal Association, Inc.), VA (11/26/79; partial doc'n recv'd 7/2/01 and 9/6/01)
63	Haliwa-Saponi, NC (11/27/79; doc'n recv'd 10/19/89; OD ltr 4/20/90)
74	Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Inc., NC (3/13/81; partial doc'n recv'd 12/19/03)
83	Shasta Nation, CA (5/28/82; doc'n recv'd 7/24/84; OD ltr 5/30/85; respn 6/8/86; 2 nd OD ltr 10/22/87; partial respn recv'd 8/21/95)
89	Seminole Nation of Florida, FL (aka Traditional Seminole) (8/5/83; doc'n recv'd 11/10/82; OD ltr 10/5/83, partial respn recv'd 12/7/83)
90	North Fork Band of Mono Indians, CA (9/7/83; doc'n recv'd 5/15/90; OD ltr 10/28/91)
93	Nor-El-Muk Nation (formerly Hayfork Band of Nor-El-Muk Wintu Indians of Northern California; formerly Nor-El-Muk Band of Wintu Indians), CA (1/5/84; doc'n recv'd 9/27/88; OD ltr 2/26/90; partial respn recv'd 8/22/95 and 12/29/05)
95	Indians of Person County (formerly Cherokee-Powhattan Indian Association), NC (9/7/84; partial doc'n recv'd 3/16/00; awaiting TA ltr)

³ Petitioners have submitted some documentation to the OFA and either have received OD or TA letters indicating that the materials submitted are not yet adequate for the Assistant Secretary to make evaluations of the petitions or are awaiting TA letters. Groups that have submitted partial documentation without letters of intent to petition are not included in this list.

Register of Incomplete Petitions, cont.

- 104 Yokayo Tribe of Indians, CA (3/9/87; doc'n recv'd 3/9/87; OD ltr 4/25/88)
- 108 Snoqualmoo of Whidbey Island, WA (6/14/88; doc'n recv'd 4/16/91; OD ltr 8/13/92)
- 112 Indian Canyon Band of Coastanoan/Mutsun Indians of California, CA (6/9/89; doc'n recv'd 7/27/90; OD ltr 8/23/91)
- 114 Canoncito Band of Navajos, NM (7/31/89; partial doc'n recv'd 1/23/98; partial doc'n recv'd 9/3/98; TA ltr 3/25/03)
- 117 Oklewaha Band of Yamassee Seminole Indians, FL (2/12/90; doc'n recv'd 2/12/90; OD ltr 4/24/90)
- 128 Tsnungwe Council, CA (9/22/92; partial doc'n recv'd 8/8/95; TA ltr 12/4/95; partial doc'n rec'd 7/2/98)
- 132 Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, CA (12/3/92; partial doc'n rec'd 1/25/95, 8/23/95; TA ltr 5/21/96; partial resp'n recv'd 5/18/98, 7/27/98, 6/16/00, 1/23/01, and 9/16/03; 2nd TA ltr 11/22/04)
- 135 Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes, MI (5/4/93; doc'n recv'd 11/13/00; TA ltr 8/16/04)
- 137 Wintu Tribe, CA (doc'n recv'd 8/25/93; OD ltr 12/15/93; partial respn recv'd 7/24/02)
- 138 Caddo Adais Indians, Inc., LA (9/13/93; doc'n recv'd 11/15/99; TA ltr 9/24/02)
- 141 Langley Band of the Chickamogee Cherokee Indians of the Southeastern U.S., AL (4/15/94) (doc'n recv'd 1/11/95; TA ltr 05/08/95)
- 142 Wyandot Nation of Kansas, KS (5/12/94; doc'n recv'd 4/12/95; TA ltr 3/15/96)
- 145 Pokanoket Tribe of the Wamapanoag, RI (10/5/94; partial doc'n recv'd 12/11/96, 6/29/01, 8/13/01, 10/11/01, and 1/24/04; TA ltr 3/15/04)
- 146 Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, MI (formerly Grand River Band Ottawa Council) (10/16/94; doc'n recv'd 12/8/00; TA ltr 1/26/05)
- 147 Costanoan Ohlone Rumsen-Mutsun Tribe, CA (12/7/94; partial doc'n recv'd 1/26/95; limited TA ltr 3/14/95)
- 148 Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation, NC (1/6/95; partial doc'n recv'd 5/8/99)
- 152 PeeDee Indian Association, Inc., SC (1/30/95; partial doc'n recv'd 11/12/98; limited TA ltr 12/22/98)
- 153 Pocasset Wampanoag Indian Tribe, MA (2/1/95; partial doc'n recv'd 3/11/95)
- 158 Fernandeno/Tataviam Tribe, CA (4/24/95; doc'n recv'd 1/16/96; TA ltr 3/3/97)
- 160 United Tribe of Shawnee Indians, KS (7/3/95; partial doc'n recv'd 11/28/01; TA ltr 8/10/04)
- 161 Monacan Indian Nation (formerly Monacan Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc.), VA (7/11/95; partial doc'n recv'd 7/2/01 and 9/18/01; awaiting TA ltr)
- 162 Montauk Indian Nation aka Montaukett Indian Nation, NY (7/31/95; doc'n recv'd 6/23/98; TA ltr 1/19/99)
- 166a Talimali Band, The Apalachee Indians of Louisiana (formerly Apalachee Indians of Louisiana), LA (2/5/1996; partial doc'n recv'd 8/29/97; TA ltr 1/20/98; partial doc'n recv'd 2/18/99 and 9/23/99; 2nd TA ltr 12/31/01)
- 168 Chickahominy Indian Tribe, VA (3/19/1996; partial doc'n recv'd 9/6/01)
- 169 Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community, MN (4/11/96; partial doc'n recv'd 6/10/97, 6/20/97; TA ltr 12/18/97)
- 171 Powhatan Renape Nation, NJ (4/12/1996; doc'n recv'd 4/12/96; TA ltr 10/29/96)
- 173 Western Mohegan Tribe and Nation, NY (1/27/97; doc'n recv'd 1/29/98; TA ltr 9/24/98)
- 174 Federation of Old Plimoth Indian Tribes, Inc. Circa 1620, MA (5/16/00; partial doc'n recv'd 8/19/96, 5/16/00, and 10/18/00; awaiting TA ltr)
- 182 Eno-Occaneechi Tribe of Indians, NC (11/24/97; partial doc'n recv'd 2/3/1997; petitioner says not ready for TA)
- 185 Calusa-Seminole Nation of California, CA (4/28/98; partial doc'n recv'd prior to letter of intent; partial doc'n recev'd 12/2/98; limited TA ltr 3/29/99)
- 189 Comanche Penateka Tribe, TX (4/3/98; partial doc'n recv'd 3/18/99; TA ltr 10/29/99)
- 191 Western Cherokee Nation of Arkansas and Missouri, AR (5/1/98; partial doc'n recv'd 5/1/98, 6/22/05, 9/20/05, 12/30/05, 1/5/06; awaiting TA ltr)
- 195 Southern Pequot Tribe, CT (7/7/98; partial doc'n recv'd 6/10/99 and 8/4/00; TA ltr 7/11/03)

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- 197 Konkow Valley Band of Maidu, CA (8/20/98; partial doc'n recv'd 10/15/01 and 2/8/05; awaiting TA ltr)
- 199 Georgia Band of Chickasaw Indians (formerly Mississippi Band of Chickasaw Indians) MS (9/15/98; partial doc'n recv'd 6/22/00; TA ltr 7/19/04)
- 201 Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians, CA (11/3/98; partial doc'n recv'd 6/29/99 and 9/10/99; TA ltr 3/10/00; respn recv'd 5/17/02)
- 204 Lost Cherokee of Arkansas & Missouri, AR (2/10/99; partial doc'n recv'd 11/25/03, 6/14/04, 7/30/04; 3/2/05; awaiting TA ltr)
- 207 Grasmere Band of Wangunk Indians of Glastonbury, Connecticut (formerly the Pequot Mohegan Tribe, Inc.), CT (4/12/99; partial doc'n recv'd 9/28/1999, 10/12/1999, 12/27/00, 1/10/01, 1/25/01, 6/14/02, 12/9/02, 1/24/03, and 4/25/03; TA ltr 4/8/05)
- 214 The Wilderness Tribe of Missouri, MO (8/16/99; partial doc'n recv'd 4/18/00; TA ltr 8/26/02; partial doc'n recv'd 10/11/02, 12/13/02, 1/6/03, 2/19/03, 7/16/03, 8/14/03, 11/20/03, 6/5/04, 8/23/04, 10/20/04, and 11/23/04)
- 223 Honey Lake Maidu, CA (6/1/00; partial doc'n recv'd 7/2/01)
- 227 Cherokees of Lawrence County, Tennessee, aka Sugar Creek Band of the Southeastern Cherokee Council Inc. of the SECCI, TN (9/14/00; partial doc'n recv'd 9/14/00, 5/3/02, 8/8/02, 5/21/04, and 2/1/05; awaiting TA ltr)
- 228 Wiquapaug Eastern Pequot Tribe, RI (9/15/00; partial doc'n recv'd 9/15/00; partial doc'n recv'd 3/29/01)
- 231 Avogel Nation of Louisiana, LA (11/13/00; doc'n recv'd 6/1/01; TA ltr 2/8/05; partial response recv'd 4/13/05, 10/28/05)
- 233 The Western Pequot Tribal Nation of New Haven, CT (11/27/00; partial doc'n recv'd 7/2/01 and 2/8/01)
- 238 Avogel, Okla Tasannuk, Tribe/Nation, LA (3/19/01; partial doc'n recv'd 8/17/00 and 11/15/00)
- 239 Schaghticoke Indian Tribe, CT (5/11/01; partial doc'n recv'd 10/ /02; awaiting TA ltr)
- 241 Chickahominy Indians, Eastern Division, Inc., VA (9/6/01; partial doc'n recv'd 9/6/01)
- 243 Phoenician Cherokee II - Eagle Tribe of Sequoyah, AL (9/18/01; partial doc'n recv'd 12/2/02)
- 244 Nansemond Indian Tribal Association, VA (9/20/01; partial doc'n recv'd 9/6/01, 9/26/01, and 3/8/02; awaiting TA ltr)
- 250 Unalachtigo Band of Nanticoke-Lenni Lenape Nation, NJ (2/1/02; partial doc'n recv'd 12/5/01)
- 253 Hudson River Band (formerly Konkapot Band), NY (4/19/02; doc'n recv'd 10/15/02; TA Ltr 7/11/03)
- 261 Native American Mohegans, Inc., CT (9/19/02; partial doc'n recv'd 9/19/02, 5/16/03, 6/20/03, and 7/10/03; TA ltr 9/8/04)
- 266 Avoyel Taensa Tribe/Nation of Louisiana, Inc., LA (1/9/03; partial doc'n recv'd 10/21/05)
- 273 Muhheconnuck and Munsee Tribes, WI (6/4/03; partial doc'n recv'd 6/4/03)
- 276 Choctaw Allen Tribe, CA (10/20/03; partial doc'n recv'd 5/16/05)
- 278 Indian Creek Band, Chickamauga Creek & Cherokee, Inc., FL (02/19/04; 1/6/05, 1/10/05, 2/1/05, and 3/8/05)
- 283 Monachi Indian Tribe, CA (10/14/04; partial doc'n recv'd 10/14/04; awaiting TA ltr)
- 292 Avoyel-Kaskaskia Tribe of Louisiana, LA (6/20/05; partial doc'n recv'd 8/29/05)

REGISTER
of
LETTERS OF INTENT TO PETITION - 138
pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(d)
(as of February 3 2006)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: These petitioners are not ready for evaluation and have not submitted any documentation.

Numbers assigned to petitioners under the 1978 regulations have been retained to avoid the confusion that renumbering would create. For the purpose of this Register, petitioners are listed in numerical sequence based on the chronological order in which the Branch of Acknowledgment and Research (BAR) or Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) received the letter of intent to petition. Gaps in numbering represent letters of intent that have already been resolved or are now in incomplete, ready, or active status, or are no longer in contact with OFA.

Petition # Name of Petitioner/Date Letter of Intent Received by AS-IA

- 21 Mono Lake Indian Community, CA (7/9/76)
- 22a Antelope Valley Paiute Tribe, CA (7/9/76)
- 33 Delaware-Muncie, KS (6/19/78)
- 36 Tsimshian Tribal Council, AK (7/2/78)
- 39 Coree [aka Faircloth] Indians, NC (8/5/78)
- 40 Nanticoke Indian Association, DE (8/8/78; requested petition be placed on hold 3/25/89)
- 47 Kern Valley Indian Community, CA (2/27/79)
- 48 Shawnee Nation U.K.B., IN (formerly Shawnee Nation, United Remnant Band), OH (3/13/79)
- 49 Hattadare Indian Nation, NC (3/16/79)
- 50 North Eastern U.S. Miami Inter-Tribal Council, OH (4/9/79)
- 53 Santee Indian Organization (formerly White Oak Indian Community), SC (6/4/79)
- 60 Allegheny Nation (Ohio Band), OH (11/3/79)
- 77 Cherokees of Northeast Alabama (formerly Cherokees of Jackson County, Alabama), AL (9/23/81)
- 80 Coastal Band of Chumash Indians, CA (3/25/82)
- 88 Waccamaw Siouan Development Association, Inc., NC (6/27/83; DOI/SOL determined ineligible to petition 10/29/89; DOI/SOL determined eligible to petition 6/29/95)
- 92 Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, CA (#92)(1/4/84; withdrawn 7/2/02; new letter of intent 8/9/05)
- 96 San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, CA (10/18/84)
- 100 Northern Cherokee Tribe of Indians, MO (7/26/85)
- 100a Sac River and White River Bands of the Chickamauga Cherokee Indian Nation of AR & MO (9/5/91)
- 100b Northern Cherokee Nation of Old Louisiana Territory, MO (2/19/92)
- 105 Pahrump Band of Paiutes, NV (11/9/87)
- 106 Wukchumni Council, CA (2/22/88)
- 107 Cherokees of Southeast Alabama, AL (5/27/88)
- 109 Choinumni Council, CA (7/14/88)
- 110 Coastanoan Band of Carmel Mission Indians, CA (9/16/88)
- 116 Salinan Nation, CA (10/10/89)
- 118 Revived Ouachita Indians of Arkansas and America, AR (4/25/90)
- 119a Meherrin Indian Tribe, NC (8/2/90)
- 124 Piqua Sept of Ohio Shawnee Indians, OH (4/16/91)
- 126 Lake Superior Chippewa of Marquette, Inc., MI (12/31/91)
- 127 Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians, NJ (1/3/92)
- 129 Mohegan Tribe and Nation, CT (10/6/92)

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- 134 Chicora Indian Tribe of SC (formerly Chicora-Siouan Indian People) SC (2/10/93)
- 136 Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe of Mariposa, CA (5/25/93)
- 139 Salinan Tribe of Monterey County, CA (11/15/93)
- 140 Gabrielino/Tongva Tribal Council, CA (3/21/94)
- 140a Gabrielino/Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, CA (8/14/97)
- 143 Costanoan-Rumsen Carmel Tribe, CA (8/24/94)
- 144 Chicora-Waccamaw Indian People, SC (10/5/94)
- 149 Accohannock Indian Tribal Association, Inc., MD (1/18/95)
- 150 Ani-Stohini/Unami Nation, VA (7/8/94)
- 151 Cowasuck Band-Abenaki People, MA (1/23/95)
- 155 Amonsoquath Tribe of Cherokee, MO (2/17/95)
- 157 Mattaponi Tribe (Mattaponi Indian Reservation), VA (4/4/95)
- 159 Wadatuht Band of the Northern Paiutes of the Honey Lake Valley, CA (1/26/95)
- 163 Ish Panesh United Band of Indians (formerly Oakbrook Chumash, aka SanFernando Band of Mission Indians), CA (5/25/95)
- 165 Tinoqui-Chalola Council of Kitanemuk and Yowlumne Tejon Indians, CA (1/16/96)
- 166 Apalachee Indian Tribe, LA (1/22/96)
- 170 Jumano Tribe (West Texas) (formerly The People of LaJunta [Jumano/Mescalero]), TX (3/26/97)
- 175 Ani Yvwi Yuchi, CA (7/31/96)
- 176 Coastal Gabrieleno Diegueno Band of Mission Indians, CA (3/18/97)
- 177 Chilcoot Kaagwaantaan Clan, AK (4/22/97)
- 178 Saponi Nation of Ohio, OH (8/4/97)
- 179 The Nehantic Tribe and Nation, CT (9/5/97)
- 180 Confederated Tribes - Rogue -Table Rock & Associated Tribes, Inc., OR (6/19/97)
- 181 Tap Pilam: The Coahuiltecan Nation, TX (12/2/97)
- 183 Chi-cau-gon Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of Iron County, MI (2/11/98)
- 184 Beaver Creek Band of Pee Dee Indians, SC (1/26/98)
- 186 Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, MI (5/13/1998)
- 187 Pokanoket/Wampanoag Federation/Wampanoag Nation/Pokanoket Tribe/And Bands, RI (1/5/98).
- 188 Montaukett Tribe of Long Island, NY (3/16/98)
- 190 The Arkansas Band of Western Cherokee (formerly Western Arkansas Cherokee Tribe), AR (4/7/98)
- 192 Cherokee Nation West of MO & AR (formerly Cherokee Nation West - Southern Band of the Eastern Cherokee Indians of Missouri and Arkansas), MO (5/11/98)
- 193 The Displaced Elem Lineage Emancipated Members Alliance aka DELEMA, CA (5/11/98)
- 194 Tribal Council of the Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Texas, TX (7/6/98)
- 196 Shawnee Nation. Ohio Blue Creek Band of Adams County, OH (8/5/98)
- 198 Piedmont American Indian Association, SC (8/20/98)
- 200 Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, RI (10/29/98)
- 202 T'si-akim Maidu, CA (11/16/98)
- 205 Cherokee Nation of Alabama, AL (2/16/99)
- 206 Knugank Tribal Council, AK (1/7/99)
- 208 Yamassee Native American Moors of the Creek Nation, GA (4/27/99)
- 209 Sierra Foothill Wuksachi Yokuts Tribe, CA (5/11/99)
- 211 Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc., TX (5/26/99)
- 212 Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek, SC (6/16/99)
- 213 Poquonnock Pequot Tribe, CT (6/6/99)
- 216 The Old Settler Cherokee Nation of Arkansas, AR (9/17/99)
- 217 Ozark Mountain Cherokee Tribe of Arkansas and Missouri, MO (10/19/99)

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- 219 Ooragnak-Indian Nation, MI (12/1/99)
- 220 Saponi Nation of Missouri, MO (12/14/99)
- 221 Maconce Village Band of Ojibwa, MI (3/7/00)
- 222 Traditional Choinumi Tribe, CA (3/29/00)
- 224 United Cherokee Indian Tribe of Virginia, VA (7/31/00)
- 225 Cherokee River Indian Community, AL (8/3/00)
- 226 Wicocomico Indian Nation, VA (8/28/00)
- 229 North Valley Yokut Tribe, CA (9/22/00)
- 230 Tejon Indian Tribe, CA (10/27/00)
- 232 Little Owl Band of Central Michigan Indians, MI (11/27/00)
- 234 Rappahannock Indian Tribe, Inc., VA (1/31/01)
- 235 Lenape Nation, PA (5/16/00)
- 236 Lower Eastern Ohio Mekojay Shawnee, OH (3/5/01)
- 237 The Chickamauga Notowega Creeks, NY (3/5/01)
- 240 Calaveras Band of Miwuk Indians, CA (7/31/01)
- 242 Xolon Salinan Tribe, CA (9/18/01)
- 245 Schaghticoke Tribe (Reed Family), CT (9/27/01)
- 246 United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation (formerly United Cherokee Intertribal), AL (11/08/01)
- 247 Western Cherokee of Arkansas/Louisiana Territories, MO (4/21/01)
- 248 Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians, CA (1/17/02)
- 249 Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government (formerly Dumna Tribe of Millerton Lake), CA (1/22/02)
- 251 The Golden Hill Paugussett Tribal Nation, CT (2/8/02)
- 252 Qutekcak Native Tribe, AK (2/13/02)
- 254 Pamaque Clan of Coahuila y Tejas Spanish Indian Colonial Missions Inc., TX (4/23/02)
- 255 The Arista Indian Village, TX (5/21/02)
- 256 Wesget Sipu Inc., ME (6/4/02)
- 257 Paugussett Tribal Nation of Waterbury, Connecticut, CT (7/3/02)
- 258 Muskegon River Band of Ottawa Indians, MI (7/26/02)
- 259 Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People, SC (8/14/02)
- 260 Tsalagi Nation Early Emigrants 1817, NC (7/30/02)
- 262 Ohatchee Cherokee Tribe Nation of New York and Alabama, NY (12/16/02)
- 263 Piro/Manso/Tiwa Tribe of Guadalupe Pueblo, NM (12/17/02)
- 264 Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, VA (12/30/02)
- 265 United Mascogo Seminole Tribe of Texas, TX (12/31/02)
- 267 Wyandot of Anderdon Nation, MI (1/ 21/ 03)
- 268 Central Tribal Council, AR (1/ 21/ 03)
- 269 Pine Hill Saponi Tribal Nation, OH (10/1/02)
- 270 Coweta Creek Tribe, AL (2/12/03)
- 271 United Band of the Western Cherokee Nation, OK (3/14/03)
- 272 The Chiricahua Tribe of California, CA (4/24/03)
- 274 Wappinger Tribal Nation, RI (7/7/03)
- 275 Digueno Band of San Diego Mission Indians, CA (10/15/03)
- 277 Arkansas White River Cherokee, TN (10/22/03)
- 279 The Roanoke-Hatteras Indians of Dare County, NC (03/10/04)
- 280 The People of the Mountains, IL (6/3/04)
- 281 Calattakapa-Choctaw Tribe, CA (7/13/04)

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- 282 The Apalachicola River Community, FL (8/17/04)
- 284 The Yanaguana Bands of Mission Indians of Texas, TX (10/19/04)
- 285 Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe, CA (11/9/04)
- 287 Maple River Band of Ottawa, MI (1/31/05)
- 288 Hunter Tsalagi-Choctaw Tribe, FL (3/2/05)
- 289 The Wintoon Tribe of Northern California, Inc., CA (4/27/05)
- 290 Eshom Valley Band of Michahai and Wuksachi, CA (5/24/05)
- 291 Alleghenny Nation Indian Center (Ohio Band), OH (6/2/05)
- 293 Tutelo Nahyssan Tribal Nation, OH (7/27/05)
- 294 Chumash Council of Bakersfield, CA (10/18/05)
- 295 Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community, CA (12/06/05)
- 296 Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina, SC (12/14/05)
- 297 The United Cherokee Indian Tribe of West Virginia, WV (12/30/05)
- 298 Tuolumne Algerine Band of Yokut, CA (1/23/06)

NOTE: On hold awaiting letter of intent signed by full council - #172 Ahon-to-ays Ojibwa Band, MT (2/1/98 council)

Discrepancy between assigned petition numbers and the total number of petitions is caused by splinter groups which have received "a" and "b" designations.

INACTIVE PETITIONERS

No Longer in Contact with OFA - 11

Petition # Name of Petitioner and Status

- 46 Kah-Bay-Kah-Nong (Warroad Chippewa), MN (2/12/79)
- 64 Consolidated Bahwetig Ojibwas and Mackinac Tribe, MI (12/4/79)
- 94 Christian Pembina Chippewa Indians, ND (6/26/84)
- 97 Wintu Indians of Central Valley, California, CA (10/26/84)
- 98 Wintoon Indians, CA (10/26/84)
- 122 Etowah Cherokee Nation, TN (1/2/91)
- 123 Upper Kispoko Band of the Shawnee Nation, IN (4/10/91)
- 130 Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Association, SC (10/16/92)
- 133 Council for the Benefit of Colorado Winnebagos, CO (1/26/93)
- 141 The Langley Band of the Chickamogee Cherokee Indians of the Southeastern United States, AL (4/20/94)
- 156 Katalla-Chilkat Tlingit Tribe of Alaska, AK (2/2/95; doc'n rec'd 3/6/95)

Legislative Action Required - 6

Petition # Name of Petitioner and Status

- 44 Cherokee Indians of Robeson and Adjoining Counties, NC (2/1/79)
- 65 Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA/Lumbee), NC (1/7/80)
- 91 Cherokee Indians of Hoke County, Inc., NC (aka Tuscarora Hoke County) (9/20/83)
- 102 Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, NC (11/19/85)
- 215 Tuscarora Nation East of the Mountains, NC (9/8/99; partial doc'n rec'vd 8/30/99)
- 286 Tuscarora Nation of Indians of the Carolinas, NC (12/21/04)

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APPENDIX E

Local leaders go to bat for tribe

By Steve Gunn
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CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

MUSKEGON COUNTY

Whether the issue is ultimately tied to casino gambling or not, Muskegon County commissioners believe the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians deserve to be recognized as an autonomous Indian tribe. Describing it as a "civil rights issue," commissioners, meeting Tuesday at Montague City Hall, voted to urge Congress to pass legislation giving federal recognition to the tribe, whose population is scattered throughout West Michigan, with many

members living in Muskegon County. Muskegon city officials were expected to follow suit at a special meeting, called for another purpose, at 4:30 this afternoon.

Mayor Steve Warmington said he would ask commissioners to pass a resolution of support of tribal recognition. The commission is already on record, by way of a resolution passed last fall, as supporting gambling within the city limits, following a successful citywide advisory vote on the casino issue.

Warmington said he planned to travel to Washington, D.C., next Tuesday to press the tribal recognition issue with Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and possibly other members of Michigan's congressional delegation, having already met with U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, on the matter.

He and others will be asking either for the introduction of legislation or for Congress to exert influence on the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to recognize the tribe.

"We are talking about federal recognition, which this tribe

deserves," Warmington said.

Congress generally does not decide whether Indian tribes gain federal recognition. That job usually falls to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Inevitably, Warmington said, local gestures of support of tribal recognition could also be construed as support for a gambling casino. Last January, the Grand River Band announced an alliance with the Archimedes Group LLC, which footed the cost of the September advisory election and has plans to build a casino in downtown Muskegon once the tribe is recognized.

Please see **TRIBE 2B** ▶

▶ TRIBE from 1B

But Grand River Ottawa officials have been trying without success since 1994 to gain recognition through normal channels, according to county documents. That prompted commissioners to formally ask U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow to step in and take action.

"This board is mindful of the fact that the United States Congress has, on occasion, acted to recognize Indian tribes by direct legislative action in instances of delay," said the resolution passed by the board.

"The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners hereby urges its U.S. senators... To work closely with rep-

resentatives of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians to introduce, and support legislation, providing for federal recognition of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians as a tribe, pursuant to federal law and treaty."

The need to request special action from Congress seemed sad to some commissioners.

"It seems so ironic that we take the country away from them in the first place, and now we're telling them whether they will be recognized or not," said Commissioner Paul Baade, chairman of the county board, who joined seven other commissioners in supporting the motion. "I think it's

pretty silly."

But three commissioners — Bob Scornik, Louis McMurray and John Snider — abstained during the roll call, claiming they didn't have enough information about the situation.

Legalized gambling seems to be one of the central concerns. Federally-recognized tribes have the right to negotiate with the federal and state governments to own and operate gambling casinos in Michigan.

Ron Yob of Grand Rapids, tribal chairman of the Grand River Ottawas, admitted to commissioners that his group has been approached about pursuing a casino in Muskegon, and

has not rejected the idea. But he said gaining federal recognition is the tribe's primary goal, simply because the tribe members believe they deserve it.

"Our priority is the recognition of our tribe," said Yob.

County Commissioner Marvin Engle said he understood that position.

"This is a human rights issue more than a casino issue," Engle said. "They were once one of the biggest Tribes of Indians in West Michigan. They're not getting the recognition they deserve."

Tribal recognition tied

By Robert C. Burns
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

MUSKEGON

The Muskegon City Commission on Monday is expected to adopt a resolution in support of federal recognition of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, a move seen by some as an attempt to boost a casino proposal for Muskegon.

As reported Wednesday, commissioners were to have taken up the issue at a special meeting scheduled

for 4:30 p.m. that day. It had been called to approve a fireworks permit for a boxing event at the L.C. Walker Arena this Saturday, but under the state's Open Meetings Act, the Indian question would have to have been advertised 18 hours before the meeting took place.

Instead, Mayor Steve Warmington said he will introduce the proposal

during the commission's next work session at 5:30 p.m. Monday — a meeting that had been set aside for a discussion of the 2005 budget.

When it happens, the commission's action will mirror that of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners last Tuesday, in which members voted to ask Congress to recognize the band via direct legislative action.

Normally, such recognition comes

up in red tape

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from the Department of Interior's Office of Federal Acknowledgment. But according to the county resolution, the tribe's petition has not been acted upon since 1994 and "is nowhere capable of being bureaucratically processed."

The delay in resolving what the county called a civil rights issue amounts to a "denial of justice," its resolution said.

Muskegon Mayor Steve Warmington,

who was present for the county's action, said the Ottawa band "deserves to be recognized," and would ask his fellow city commissioners to pass a similar supporting resolution.

The mayor said he has already spoken to U.S. Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, about interceding the tribe's behalf. But Hoekstra has taken the position that Congress should not get involved.

Please see TRIBAL 2B ►

► TRIBAL from 1B

"Circumventing the acknowledgment process would undermine its legitimacy and replace it with a process based on political expediency, not merit," Hoekstra wrote in a letter to the Rev. David Willerup of Muskegon. Willerup is the leader of the anti-casino group Positively Muskegon.

Hoekstra says he doesn't think Congress is equipped to trace generations of genealogical and anthropological data needed to determine whether a tribe is a distinct Indian community worthy of sovereign status.

Once recognized, he said, a tribe is allowed certain immunities and privileges, including exemptions from state and federal jurisdiction and the ability to develop casino gambling.

"I understand the Grand River Tribe's interest in receiving federal recognition as soon as possible, and I support its efforts to move through the administrative process. However, I am in no position to determine that it is more deserving of federal recognition than any of the 294 tribes also petitioning for federal recognition."

On Tuesday, Warmington said he would travel to Washington, D.C., to urge Michigan's two United States senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, and others in Michigan's congressional delegation to either recognize the Grand River Ottawas legislatively, or to at least push for speedier move-

ment through the much lengthier bureaucratic process.

He said the reason he felt that way was not related to plans by the Archimedes Group LLC to establish a casino in the downtown Muskegon area, although he acknowledged that some would believe otherwise.

The city commission, when it passed an earlier resolution last October in support of a casino somewhere in the city limits, was careful not to mention a specific developer.

However, the Grand River Band and Archimedes have been working together at least since last January, when they announced a push to gain tribal recognition for the Ottawa band and, with Florida developer Group One Productions, to build a casino near the Muskegon lakeshore.

"They want to avoid the language of a casino, but it clearly is driven by a casino," said the Rev. David Willerup, head of the anti-casino group Positively Muskegon.

Willerup said Wednesday that he does support federal recognition of the tribe, even though its historic base is in Ottawa and Kent counties, not Muskegon County.

"I think it's important for them to claim the heritage that was promised to them," he said. "What I don't support is circumventing the BIA for the sake of political expedience."

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Bishop Nathaniel Wells, Jr., A.A. B. TH
Senior Pastor

September 13, 2004

Senator Debbie Stabenow
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Dear Senator Stabenow,

I'm writing on behalf of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians. As you know they are desperately seeking federal recognition and I have been informed that it is a possibility that this will take them nearly 10 to 20 years to receive it if they were to follow the normal procedure through the department of Indian Affairs.

It is hard to conceive that Americans in the year 2004 have a need to be recognized or seek equal rights from its government when we as a flagship nation of the entire world have lost over 1000 lives in our effort to give men, women, boys and girls equal rights, freedom and justice in the nation of Iraq.

It is my prayer that you will assist our fellow citizens in their effort to be recognized so that their human rights and equal rights are not denied.

Sincerely,



Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells, Jr.
Bishop of the Western Michigan Jurisdiction
General Board Member of the Churches of God in Christ, Worldwide

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RESOLUTION OF MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL EXPEDITED RECOGNITION OF THE
“GRAND RIVER BANDS” OF OTTAWA INDIAN TRIBE

WHEREAS, this Board is informed and believes that there is a substantial Indian population residing within Muskegon County and that a significant number of such individuals trace their lineage to the “Grand River Bands” of Ottawa Indians; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has established a process for recognizing groups as Indian tribes, but that this process, either as a result of bureaucratic inertia, or financial limitations, has been incapable of timely responding to requests by legitimate Indian tribes for recognition; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand River Bands has been pursuing Federal acknowledgment through the established administrative process since 1994; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that said petition is nowhere near being capable of being bureaucratically processed; and,


WHEREAS, this Board is mindful of the fact that the United States Congress has, on occasion, acted to recognize Indian tribes by direct legislative action in instances of delay, such as have occurred in connection with the recognition of the Little River Bands and Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa Indians; and,

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the Federal recognition of tribes such as the Grand River Bands is a civil rights issue, and that continuing delays in the recognition of such tribe amounts to a denial of justice; and,

WHEREAS, said tribe, has requested assistance from this Board in urging its Congressional representatives to support Federal recognition and the Board is desirous of doing so;

NOW THEREFORE, be it, and the same is hereby RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commission hereby urges its United States Senators, Senator Carl Levin, and Senator Debbie Stabenow, to work closely with representatives of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians to introduce, and support legislation, providing for the Federal recognition of the "Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians" as a tribe, pursuant to Federal law and Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been signed by Paul T. Baade, Chairperson, Muskegon County Board of Commission, as of the 7th day of September, 2004.


Paul T. Baade, Chairperson
Muskegon County Board of Commission


Mary Villanueva

APPENDIX F

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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RESOLUTION 07119902

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE GRAND RIVER BANDS OF OTTAWA INDIANS

WHEREAS, the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians (GRB) preexists the formation of the State of Michigan and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, GRB and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians were signatories to many of the same Treaties with the United States, including the Treaty of 1855, 11 Stat. 621, and Treaty of March 23, 1836, 7 Stat. 491,

WHEREAS, GRB has been identified as American Indian from historical times until the present;

WHEREAS, GRB inhabits a specific area in what is now known as the middle of Michigan's lower peninsula;

WHEREAS, GRB has maintained tribal political influence over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history until the present;

WHEREAS, the membership of GRB is composed principally of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian tribe;

WHEREAS, history and justice require that GRB be treated as what it is, an Indian tribe federally recognized by the United States through major land session treaties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians recognizes the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians as a full fledged tribal governmental entity;


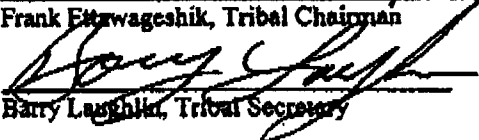
2. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians fervently supports the efforts of the GRB to obtain federal acknowledgment.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on July 11, 1999 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Frank Ettawageshik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Dorothy Gasco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Barry Laughlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Rita Stananaquet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____

Date: 7-11-99


Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Secretary