



## **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO OPPOSING FABRICATED DELAWARE “TRIBES,” “GROUPS,” AND “INDIANS.**

### **RESOLUTION 2015-55**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe published in the Federal Register, August 11, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and By-Laws grants the Delaware Tribal Council the power to establish rules to regulate its own proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribal Council represents approximately 11,500 Delaware people throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribal Council have been aware of a growing number of non-Indian groups claiming to be Delaware Indian and that these groups have been organizing to form non-profits and other IRS designations, and in some cases attempting to gain federal recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Acknowledgement and Research maintains the responsibility for addressing specific applications for federal recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Delaware is well documented and no other bands, Tribes, or clans exist outside of those who have been federally recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, public and private funding is being allocated to fabricated Delaware groups in epidemic proportions costing millions of dollars to tax payers; and

**WHEREAS**, untold millions of federal dollars that are appropriated for the benefit of Tribal people are being diverted from their intended purposes, including money by federal agencies such as the Department of Labor, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, and other federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, fabricated Delaware groups are charging membership fees, misleading universities, museums, and school children as well as interfering in multiple government functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the sovereignty and reputation of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and members of the general public continue to be jeopardized due to the acts of individuals who organize and

administer fabricated Delaware "Tribes," "bands," and groups; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Delaware Tribal Council hereby denounces fabricating Delaware groups and commits to exposing and assisting state and federal authorities in eradicating any group which attempts or claims to operate as a government of the Delaware people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that no public funding from the federal or state government should be expended on behalf of non-federally recognized, unrecognized or 501(c)3 charitable organizations that claim any Delaware affiliation; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Delaware Tribe shall call for a full accounting of all federal monies given to non-recognized, unrecognized or 501(c)3 charitable organizations that claim any Delaware affiliation; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that no 501(c)3 organization, state recognized or unrecognized groups shall be acknowledged as Delaware; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, federal and state governments should stringently apply federal definition of 'Indian' that includes only citizens of federally recognized Delaware Tribe/Nation, and,

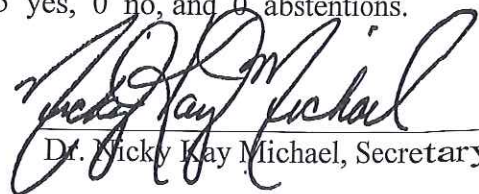
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any individual who is not a member of a federally recognized Delaware Tribe in academia or otherwise, is hereby discouraged from claiming to speak as a Delaware or on behalf of a Delaware citizen or using claims of Delaware heritage to advance his or her career or credentials; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be the policy of the Delaware Tribal Council until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officers of the Delaware Tribe of Indians do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted during a regularly scheduled meeting with a quorum present on this 7 day of October, 2015, with a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

  
Chet Brooks, Chief

  
Dr. Nicky Kay Michael, Secretary

