



A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO REAFFIRM THE STATUS OF THE DELAWARE LATECOMERS

RESOLUTION 2016-25

WHEREAS, it has recently been suggested that the tribal enrollment status of the Delaware Latecomers and their descendants as granted by the Delaware Tribal General Council on July 14th, 1951 and the Delaware Membership Act of 2001 may be in conflict with the qualifications determined by the Delaware Tribal Constitution, and, that a Constitutional amendment adopted by referendum vote of the tribal membership may be required to legally confirm their eligibility as members, and,

WHEREAS, the July 14th 1951 General Council resolution, which passed by unanimous vote, as a formal address to the question of the membership status of the Delaware Latecomers, SPECIFICALLY names and adopts Nannie Bartles, Nonie Pratt, Ella Pratt, Ida Pratt, and Lewis Ketchum and their descendants (AS WELL AS any others who paid into the Cherokee Nation the sum of money indicated in the Act or Resolution of the Cherokee Council to admit them as citizens of the Cherokee Nation) as *members* of the Delaware Tribe with equal rights in the lands and moneys and assets of the Tribe the same as registered Delaware, and,

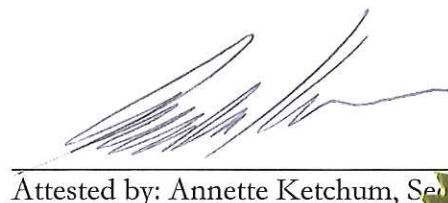
WHEREAS, although Article II of the Delaware Tribes Constitution defines those eligible for membership as “all those persons whose names are included on the Delaware Indian per capita roll approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 20, 1906, and their descendants,” the Constitution limits itself by adding the following statement at the end of Article II “Provided: nothing contained herein shall be construed to invalidate the presently existing membership roll or the membership of those persons enrolled prior to the effective date of this Constitution and Bylaws.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is the opinion of the Enrollment Department and Enrollment Oversight Committee members supported as well by the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe that in fact a Constitutional Amendment is NOT necessary as these people, in particular the five specifically named individuals, were accepted and confirmed as members prior to the 1982 Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 5 day of April 2016 with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.


Chester Brooks, Chief


Attested by: Annette Ketchum, Secretary

