



DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS



A RESOLUTION OF THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
AND
DELAWARE TRUST BOARD
OPPOSING FABRICATED DELAWARE "TRIBES", "GROUPS" AND "INDIANS"
Resolution 2010 - 02

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (approved by Bureau of Indian Affairs, May 26, 2009) to represent the Delaware Tribe and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the tribe; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Trust Document, Article IV, Section D, of the Delaware Tribe of Indians the Trust Board is authorized to perform managerial functions and execute routine business functions relating to the administration of the Delaware Judgement funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe published in the Federal Register, August 11, 2009 with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council and the Delaware Trust Board represent approximately 11,000 Delaware people throughout the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council and the Delaware Trust Board have been aware of a growing number of non-Indian groups claiming to be Delaware Indian and that these groups have been organizing and attempting to gain federal recognition; and,

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

WHEREAS, the history of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is well documented and no other tribe or bands of Delaware Indians exist aside from those already federally recognized, which includes the Delaware Nation in Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, public funding by pseudo-Delaware tribes and groups is of epidemic proportions and often involve membership fees; misleading presentation to school children and interference in a multitude of government functions; and,

WHEREAS, the sovereignty and reputation of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as well as

members of the general public continue to be in jeopardy due to the acts of individuals who organize and administer fabricated Delaware tribes, bands and groups; and,

WHEREAS, untold millions of federal dollars that are appropriated for the benefit of tribal people are being diverted from their intended purpose, including money by federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, the Department of Labor, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware Tribal Council and Delaware Trust Board denounce the state or federal recognition of any further 'Delaware' tribes or groups aside from those already federally recognized, and commit 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no public funding from any federal or state government should be expended on behalf of non-federally recognized 'Delaware' tribe or bands or the individual members thereof; and,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal and state governments should stringently apply a federal definition of 'Indian' that includes only citizens of federally recognized Indian tribes, to prevent non-Indians from selling membership in 'Delaware' tribes for the purpose of exploiting the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

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, 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 Delaware citizens 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 and Delaware Trust Board until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Delaware Trust Board on February 25, 2010.