



## A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS RECOMMENDING CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST IN OHIO

### RESOLUTION 2022-73

*Authored by Larry Heady, Director DTHPO*

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

**WHEREAS**, early in the eighteenth century, under the leadership of Nètëwatëwès, the Delaware people emigrated to Ohio and established there a new Homeland (Lënapehòkink); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 1778, the newly formed United State of America established formal relations with the Delaware Tribal Nation by entering into a treaty at Fort Pitt, which guaranteed to the Delaware Indians security in their Ohio Homeland and a leadership position in a new Indian state in the Northwest Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Treaty of 1778, the Delaware Tribe and other tribal nations of the Northwest Territory were forced into a protracted war with American settlers intent on the unlawful settlement of our lands and the genocide of our peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, through superior military force of arms at the Battle of Fallen Timbers did American General Anthony Wayne violate the Treaty of 1778 and forced the said tribal nations to abandon their lands in Ohio through the coerced Treaty of Greenville on August 3, 1795; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty of Greenville and American General Anthony Wayne will forever be known to the tribal nations as the usurper of our lands and sovereignty in the Northwest Territory and continues to be emblematic of the beginning of the long forced removal of the Delaware Tribe and other tribal nations from our lands and homes in the Northwest Territory to unknown foreign soil west of the Mississippi River; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States government established the Wayne National Forest in southern and southeastern Ohio in 1934, honoring the American General Anthony Wayne, in part for his role in the various Indian conflicts in the Northwest Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wayne National Forest consists of approximately 833,900 acres of tribal homelands in Ohio wherein the Delaware Tribe and numerous other tribal nations still retain certain ceded territory reserved rights;


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby request and require that the United States Forest Service enter into the administrative process necessary to remove the name "Wayne" from this national forest so that it no longer promotes historical trauma nor offends the dignity of the Delaware Tribe and other tribal nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby request and require that the United States Forest Service enter into formal government-to-government consultation with all Greenville Treaty signatory tribes to select a more suitable and acceptable name for National Forest System lands in Ohio.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 15TH day of OCTOBER 2022 with a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

  
Brad KillsCrow, Chief

  
Attested by: Nicky Kay Michael, Secretary

