



**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO  
APPLY TO THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE  
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL PARK  
SERVICE TO FINANCE THE THPO PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 2025-32**

*Sponsored by Lindsey Harris*

**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**, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Tribe's governing body is the Delaware Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service is accepting applications for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribe of Indians desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing grants to THPOs for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as: survey, planning, technical assistance, development, education, listings in the National Register of Historic Places, review and compliance, and to assist THPOs in carrying out the historic preservation activities that the Tribe agreed to assume from the State Historic Preservation Office, on tribal lands, under their Partnership agreement with the National Park Service. Awards under this program must comply with and support 54 USC 301 et seq. (commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act); and

**WHEREAS**, the National Historic Preservation Act [NHPA Section 101(d) (2)] was amended in 1992 to provide that federally recognized Indian Tribes may assume all or any part of the functions of a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with respect to tribal lands and the 1992 amendments recognized that the national historic preservation program is strengthened by providing Indian Tribes with the opportunity to be full partners in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Office of the Delaware Tribe of Indians assumption of these functions on our tribal lands is an exercise of our government-to-government relationship with the United States of America and our tribal lands include all lands held in trust for the benefit of the Delaware Tribe of Indians outside the boundaries of an existing reservation and the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cherokee Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Tribal Council designates the Director of the Delaware Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, Martina Thomas, to serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) to administer this program and carry out SHPO functions on tribal lands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize and approve the application submission for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant Program and designates the Chief as the Authorizing Official to sign all documents relating to the National Park Service - Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant Program.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 26 day of FEBRUARY 2025 with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

Brad KillsCrow  
Brad KillsCrow, Chief

Lindsey Harris  
Attested by: Lindsey Harris, Secretary

