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### Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Apalachicola Band of Creek Indians, 104 West 4th Ave. Tallahassee, Florida 32303, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on January 17, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

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Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Biloxi, Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogees, Inc., 1112 Daisy Street, Houma, Louisiana 70363, has filed a letter of intent to be considered for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. This letter was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on October 24, 1995, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

The petitioner, the Biloxi, Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogees, Inc. (BCCM) was part of the United Houma Nation (UHN, #56), which received a proposed finding December 22, 1994. The proposed finding stated that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proposed to decline to acknowledge the UHN in that they did not meet all seven mandatory criteria under 25 CFR Part 83.

The BCCM shall be treated as a separate petitioner from October 24, 1995, forward. This is a notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice that the petitioner has separated from the UHN will be sent by mail to the Governor of Louisiana, the Attorney General of Louisiana, the UHN, and other interested parties. The public comment period on the petition and proposed finding ends June 13, 1996. A copy of the technical report evaluating the evidence upon which the proposed finding was based is available upon written request to the BIA.

Under Section 83.9(a) and 83.10(i) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition and proposed finding simultaneously to the petitioner and the BIA. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

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Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Meherrin Indian Tribe, Route 1, Box 7, Winton, North Carolina 27986, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on June 27, 1995, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

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Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Monacan Indian Tribe, Inc., P.O. Box 1136, Madison Heights, Virginia 24572, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the