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## FORTY INDIAN GROUPS PETITION FOR FEDERAL STATUS AS TRIBES

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has received petitions from forty Indian groups seeking to be acknowledged by the Federal Government as Indian tribes.

A list of the forty groups, from 21 states, is being published in the Federal Register as required by regulations made effective October 2, 1978. These regulations establish the procedures for establishing that an American Indian group exists as an American Indian Tribe.

A total of 496 Indian or Alaska Native groups are now acknowledged by the Federal Government to be tribes. These groups are located in 27 states and include 218 Alaskan Village groups.

Under the regulations only those groups whose members and their ancestors existed in tribal relations since aboriginal times and have retained some aspects of their tribal sovereignty can be acknowledged as tribes. Failure to be acknowledged under these regulations would not constitute a denial that the group is Indian. Acknowledgment of tribal existence is a prerequisite to the protection, services and benefits from the Federal Government available to Indian tribes.

Groups from seven states, not presently listing any federally recognized tribes, are among the petitioners. These states are Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and South Carolina.

Other states represented by petitioners are: Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

A list of the groups seeking Federal recognition is attached.

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Alabama

Principal Creek Indian Nation  
East of the Mississippi  
c/o Mr. Arthur R. Turner  
Post Office Box 201  
Floralta, Alabama 36442

Creek Nation East of the Mississippi  
(Poarch, Alabama)  
c/o Mr. Thomas N. Tureen  
Native American Rights Fund  
Post Office Box 388  
Calais, Maine 04106

Alaska

Tsimshian Tribal Council  
1067 Woodland Avenue  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

California

Antelope Valley Indian Community  
c/o Mr. Wesley Dick  
Post Office Box 35  
Coleville, California 96107

Ione Band  
c/o Mrs. Bernice Villa  
Route 1, Box 191  
Ione, California 95640

Mono Lake Indian Community  
c/o Mr. William J. Anderson  
Post Office Box 237  
Lee Vining, California 93541

Plumas County Indians, Inc.  
c/o Mr. John R. Lewis  
Post Office Box 833  
206 Main Street  
Greenville, California 95947

Colorado

Munsee Thames River Delaware  
c/o Mr. William Lee Little Soldier  
Post Office Box 587  
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80911

Connecticut

Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut  
c/o Mr. Roy Sebastian  
Lantern Hill Reservation  
RFD 7, Box 941  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Mohegan Indian Group  
Mr. John E. Hamilton  
c/o Mr. Jerome M. Griner  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law  
47 North Main Street  
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

Delaware

Nanticoke Indian Association  
c/o Mr. Kenneth S. Clark  
Route 1, Box 107A  
Millsboro, Delaware 19966

Florida

Creeks East of the Mississippi  
c/o Mr. John Wesley Thomley  
Post Office Box 123  
Molino, Florida 32577

Florida Tribe of Eastern Creek Indians  
c/o Mr. James E. Waite  
Post Office Box 462  
Pensacola, Florida 32592

Georgia

Cherokee Indians of Georgia, Inc.  
c/o Mr. J. C. White Cloud Reynolds  
1516 14th Avenue  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe East of  
the Mississippi, Inc.  
c/o Mr. Neal McCormick  
Route 1, Tama Reservation  
Cairo, Georgia 31728

Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, Inc.  
c/o Mr. W. R. Jackson  
Route 1, Box 111  
Leesburg, Georgia 31763

Kansas

Delaware-Muncie  
c/o Mr. Clio Caleb Church  
Box 274  
Pomona, Kansas 66076

Louisiana

Choctaw-Apache Indians  
c/o Mr. Raymond L. Ebarb  
Route 1, Box 168  
Noble, Louisiana 71462

Clifton-Choctaw Indians  
c/o Mr. Amos Tyler  
Route 1, Box 51-A  
Mora, Louisiana 71455

Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe  
(Marksville, Louisiana)  
c/o Native American Rights Fund  
1712 N Street, N.W., Second Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Maryland

Piscataway Indians  
c/o Mr. J. Hugh Proctor  
General Delivery  
Box 946  
Waldorf, Maryland 20601

Massachusetts

Mashpee Wampanoag  
Route 130  
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

Michigan

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa-Chippewas  
c/o Eleesha M. Pastor  
Michigan Indian Legal Services  
3041 N. Garfield Road  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Huron Potawatomi Band  
Mr. David Mackety  
Route 1  
Fulton, Michigan 48505

Lac Vieux Desert  
c/o Mr. John McGeshick  
Post Office Box 118  
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

Montana

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa  
Indians of Montana  
c/o Mr. George Plummer  
Star Route  
Post Office Box 21  
Dodson, Montana 59524

New Mexico

San Juan de Guadalupe Tiwa  
(Tortugas, New Mexico)  
c/o Diamond, Rash, Leslie & Schwartz  
1208 Southwest National Bank  
El Paso, Texas 79901

New York

Shinnecock Tribe  
Post Office Box 59  
Southampton, New York 11968

North Carolina

Faircloth Indians  
c/o Mr. Jerry Lee Faircloth, Sr.  
Post Office Box 161  
Atlantic, North Carolina 28511

Hatteras Tuscarora Indians  
c/o Mr. Vermon Locklear  
Route 3, Box 47A  
Maxton, North Carolina 28364

North Dakota

Little Shell Band of North Dakota  
c/o Ms. Mary Z. Wilson  
Dunseith, North Dakota 58329

South Carolina

Four Hole Indian Organization --  
Edisto Tribal Council  
c/o Mr. Robert Davidson  
Route 3, Box 42F  
Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472

Oregon

Coos Tribe of Indians  
c/o Mr. Russell Anderson  
Box 3506  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Washington

Cowlitz Tribe of Indians (Lewis County)  
c/o Mr. Joseph E. Cloquet  
2815 Dale Lane East  
Tacoma, Washington 98424

Duwamish Indian Tribe  
15614 First Avenue S.  
Seattle, Washington 98148

Jamestown Clallam Tribe of Indians  
Route 5, Box 687  
Port Angeles, Washington 98392

Samish Tribe of Indians  
c/o Mr. Robert Wooten  
Samish Tribal Office  
Post Office Box 217  
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Snomish Tribe of Indians  
c/o Mr. Alfred Cooper  
Snohomish Corresponding Secretary  
5101 27th Avenue West  
Everett, Washington 98203

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe  
c/o Ms. Helen C. Harvey  
20204 117th S.E.  
Kent, Washington 98031

Steilacoom Tribe  
c/o Ms. Joan K. Marshall  
2212 A Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98402