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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2005
TO: Delaware Nation
FROM: Steven D. Sandven, Esq.
RE: **ARTICLE I AND II – NAME AND PURPOSE**

Purpose

The purpose of this section is to set out the structure of the government.

Currently Reads

ARTICLE I - NAME
(Pursuant to Amendment VIII, adopted November 13, 1999)

The name of this organization shall be the Delaware Nation.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be, through united effort, to promote the economic, moral, cultural, educational and health status of the Delaware Nation; to seek and insure assistance of the United States of America; the State of Oklahoma in carrying out mutual programs to accomplish these purposes in concert and to in no way interfere with or otherwise influence any individual member.

Other Tribes

<p><u>Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma</u></p> <p>Article I</p> <p>The name of this organization shall be the "Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma."</p>

Article II

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- (a) To define, establish and safeguard the rights, powers, privileges and benefits of the Tribe and its members;
- (b) To secure for the Tribe and its members the rights, powers, privileges and benefits available under the provisions of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act;
- (c) To promote in other ways the common welfare of the Tribe and its membership;
- (d) Jurisdiction and Powers of the Pawnee Business Council.

Nez Perce Tribe

Article I. Purpose.

The purpose of this Constitution and Bylaws shall be to protect and promote the interests of the Nez Perce Indians to develop cooperative relations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies, and to cooperate with the State and local governments.

Article II. Name.

This tribal organization shall be called "The Nez Perce Tribe".

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Article I. Name.

The official name of this Tribe shall be the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Article II. Objectives.

Section 1. The objectives of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in organizing under this Constitution shall be:

- (a) To promote the general welfare of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its members by exercising to the fullest extent the inherent powers of self-government vested in the Tribe since time immemorial and any additional powers of self-government vested in the Tribe by federal or state law.
- (b) To secure for the Tribe and its members the powers, benefits, rights, and privileges provided for in the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967).
- (c) To secure the powers, benefits, rights, and privileges as provided by any laws

of the United States now or hereafter enacted for the benefit of Indians or other citizens of the United States.

(d) To secure, for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a Charter of Incorporation from the Secretary of the Interior that allows the Tribe to enjoy those powers specifically mentioned in the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967).

Comanche Indian Tribe in Oklahoma

Article I. Name

The name of this Organization shall be the "Comanche Indian Tribe."

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To define, establish and safeguard the rights, powers and privileges of the tribe and its members.

Section 2. To improve the economic, moral, educational and health status of its members and to cooperate with and seek the assistance of the United States in carrying out mutual programs to accomplish these purposes by all possible means.

Section 3. To promotes in other ways the common well being of the tribe and its membership.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz in Oregon

Article I. Purposes.

We, the members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, being a federal Indian tribe and organized pursuant to the Act of November 18, 1977, 91 Stat. 1415, and the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, hereby adopt this Constitution and establish our tribal government in order to:

(1) Continue forever, with the help of God, our unique identity as Indians and as the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, and to protect that identity from forces that threaten to diminish it:

(2) Protect our inherent rights as Indians and as a sovereign Indian tribe;

(3) Promote our cultural and religious beliefs and to pass them on in our own way to our children, grandchildren and grandchildren's children forever

(4) Help our members achieve their highest potentials in education, physical and mental health and economic development;

(5) Maintain good relationships with other Indian tribes, the United States, the

State of Oregon and local governments;

(6) Support the Government of the United States and encourage our members to be loyal citizens;

(7) Acquire, develop and conserve resources to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency for our tribe;

(8) Insure that our people shall live in peace and harmony among themselves and with all other peoples.

Confederated Tribe of the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon

Article I. Objectives

It shall be the object of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon:

- a. To establish and maintain, with the aid of the Federal Government, a form of home rule that shall promote the advancement and welfare of the Indians of the Warm Springs Reservation.
- b. To establish and enforce such rules as may be necessary to safeguard Indian property and resources for the use of present and future generations.
- c. To obtain for all Indians of this Reservation of the present and future generations lands needed for homes and livelihood.

Kialagee Tribal Town in Oklahoma

Article I. Name

The name of this Town organization shall be the Kialegee Tribal Town.

Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

Section 1. To secure and obtain the benefits, rights, privileges, and powers as provided by the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of Congress approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967) and that part of the Indian Reorganization Act approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), which may be good, beneficial, and applicable to the members of the Town.

Section 2. To secure and obtain the benefits, rights, privileges, and powers as provided by the existing laws of the United States and those which hereafter may be enacted for the good and benefit of Indians or other citizens of the United States administered by different governmental agencies, such as relief, conservation, rehabilitation, resettlement, hospitalization, education, economic and all other programs that may be for the good and benefit of the members of

the Town.

Section 3. To care for the aged and the unhealthy members, and otherwise promote the general welfare of the Town.

Texas Band of Choctaw

Article I. Name

1.1 By this document, the name of this organization shall be the Texas Band of Choctaw Indians. Said organization being the Texas part of the group formerly known as the Texas Cherokees and Associate Bands. Any references to Texas Cherokees and Associate (Affiliated, Associated, etc.) Bands, Texas Cherokees and Twelve Associated Tribes, Mount Tabor (Taber) or Mt. Tabor Indian Community, Angelina River Choctaws, Texas Band of Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, Inc., Yowani Indians (Yuwani, Yawani), or Yowani Choctaws, Band, Tribe or Community, shall by this document, have the same meaning as the Texas Band of Choctaw Indians.

Statement Related to Previous Acts:

1.3 All governing documents established by the General Assembly of the Texas Cherokees and Associate Bands, including that of December 23, 1925, General Assembly resolutions 1926-1998, as well as the by-laws of June 7, 1977, proposed constitutions of August 10, 1977, June 1, 1990, ratified constitution of March 22, 1998, Carr Roll of 1948, State of Texas Articles of Incorporation of 1990, enrollment ordinance of May 16, 1990 and May 2, 1998, letter of intent to petition for federal acknowledgment of August 8, 1990 shall be superceded by this document. All claims against the State of Texas or the United States of America by virtue of the actions of the Republic of Texas and/or government of the United States of America or departments thereof, shall not be abridged by this document or any future actions of the Choctaw Business Committee without the majority consent of the Bands membership so exercised through General Assembly. Nothing in this document shall be construed to imply or place any descendants of this band under the auspices of the Lumbee Act of 1956, by virtue of the Cheraw ancestry of Henry Butt Thompson Sr., or his siblings, who left Robeson County, North Carolina prior to 1810 and the said Congressional Act. Further, through association and marriage, said descendants have since historical times and through the Dawes Commission, repeatedly identified with their Choctaw ancestral lines, rather than Cheraw lineage.

Confederation of Tribes

1.4 By virtue of this Article, the Choctaws, Cherokees, Chickasaws Muscogees of the Mount Tabor and Centralia Indian Communities continue as a confederation of tribes that has existed in one form or another since 1819 within what is now the State of Texas. "Such fact is however recognized, that the Choctaws have evolved into a distinct majority of said band" and "continue to maintain a tribal community", such is therefore reflected in the official change of

name of this organization as of July 1, 1999. Refer to Article 1.1 of this document.

Otoe-Missouria Tribe

Article III. Purpose

The objectives of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians in organizing under this Constitution shall be:

Section 1. To promote the general welfare of the Tribe and its members.

Section 2. To secure for the Tribe and its members the benefits, rights, privileges and powers provided for in the Act of Congress approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), known as the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

Section 3. To secure for the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians a charter of incorporation from the Secretary of the Interior that allows the Tribe to enjoy, in addition to those powers specifically mentioned in Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, any other rights or privileges secured to an organized Indian tribe under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as incorporated by reference through Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 503.

Section 4. To secure the benefits, rights, privileges and powers as provided by any laws of the United States now existing or that may hereafter be enacted for the benefit of Indians or other citizens of the United States.

Section 5. The protections guaranteed to persons by Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 77), against actions of a Tribe in exercising its powers of self-government shall apply to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, its officers and all persons within its jurisdiction.

Please contact me if there are any questions.