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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 this 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.

Alabama
Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi
c/o Mr. Arthur R. Turner
Post Office box 201
Florala, Alabama 36442
Creek Nation East of the Mississippi (Poarch, Alabama)
c/o Mr. Thomas R. Tureen
Native American Rights Fund
Calais, Maine 04106

Alaska
Tsimshian Tribal Council
1067 Woodland Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

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 Counselor 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

California
Antelope Valley Indian Community c/o Mr. Wesley Dick
Post Office Box 35
Colesville, California 96107
Ione Band
c/o Mrs. Bernice
Villa Route l, 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

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 l, 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

Florida
Creeks East of the Mississippi
c/o Mr. John Wesley Thomley
Post Office Box 123
Molino, Florida 32S77
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 l, Tama Reservation
Cairo, Georgia 31728
Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, lnc.
c/o Mr. W. R. Jackson
Route l, Box III
Leesburg, Georgia 31763

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

Massachusetts
Mashpee Wampanoag
Route 130
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

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

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

Michigan
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa-Chippewas
c/o Eleesna M. Pastor
Michigan Indian Legal Services
3041 N. Garfield Road
Traverse City, Michigan 49684
Huron Potawatomi Band
Mr. David Mackety
Route l
Fulton, Michigan 48505
Lac Vieux Desert
c/o Mr. John McGeshick
Post Office Box 118
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

New York
Shinnecock Tribe
Post Office Box 59
Southampton, New York 11968

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

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
Seattle, Washington 98392

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

Snohomish 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 112th S.E.
Kent, Washington 98031
Steilacoom Tribe
c/o Ms. Joan K. Marshall
2212 A Street
Tacoma, Washington 98402