

# NELE-CHUN-DUN BUSINESS COUNCIL

January 21, 1983

Mr. John A. Shapard, Jr.  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20245  
Attn: Branch of Federal Acknowledgement  
(Code 440-B)

RE: INTENT TO PETITION FOR FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Enclosed is the official resolution with the intent to submit a Petition for the Federal Acknowledgement of the Tolowa-Tututni Tribe of Indians principally located in Del Norte County California.

Currently, research is being conducted by the Tolowa Recognition Project funded by an Administration for Native Americans Status Clarification Project grant under the auspice of Nele-chun-dun Business Council, Incorporated. I am the Project Coordinator, responsible for the coordination of all research compilation.

Please forward all correspondence, inquiries or concerns to Tolowa Recognition Project, P.O. Box 4266, Arcata, CA., 95521. At anytime, do not hesitate to contact me at (707) 822-4007. I am looking forward to working with your office staff as the petition is prepared and submitted for official review and approval.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Steinruck,  
Tolowa Recognition Project  
Project Coordinator



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TOLOWA RESOLUTION 9/11/82

The TOLOWA-TUTUTNI TRIBE OF INDIANS, located on and around the Tolowa trust lands and ancestral and aboriginal range, submits this PETITION FOR FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of its status as an Indian Tribe.

For the purposes of this petition, this tribe's spokesperson is Al Logan Slagle, Esq., Native American Studies, 3415 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California, 94720, (415) 642-6717.

Nelechundun Business Council, Inc. is authorized to act on behalf of this Tribe.

This Tribe of Indians meets all seven of the criteria found in 25 CFR 54.7 (a)-(g). The Tolowa-Tututni Tribe has been identified from historical times until the present on a substantially continuous basis as "American Indian" or "Aboriginal." (sec. 54.7 (a)). This identification is evidenced by (1) federal authorities, (2) the State of California, (3) Del Norte County, California and Curry County, Oregon, (4) courthouse, church and school records, (5) anthropologists, historians, and other scholars, (6) books and newspapers, (7) other Indian tribes and national Indian organizations. A substantial portion of the Tribe inhabits an area within Del Norte County, California, in and around Smith River and Crescent City, California, as its ancestors have done since about 1000 B. C. This tribal community is distinct from other populations (sec. 54.7 (b)). The Tolowa-Tututni Tribe has maintained tribal political influence or other authority over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history until the present (54.7 (c)). The membership is composed principally of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian tribe 54.7 (d). Finally, neither the Tribe nor its members are subject to Congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal-Indian relationship. (54.7 (g)).

The Tolowa-Tututni Provisional Tribal Council, in Council duly assembled and at which a quorum was assembled, on September 11, 1982, adopted the above Resolution by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining. It has not been altered in any way, and represents in substantial form the letter to be presented to the U. S. Government for Federal Recognition.

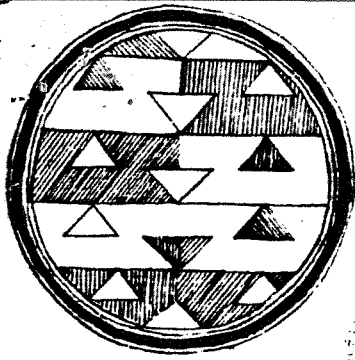
*Sheryl Steinnuck*

Meeting Chair, Provisional Council

*Joseph M. Giovannetti*

Secretary





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March 22, 1983

Mr. George Roth, Ethnohistorian  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
1931 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20245  
Attn: Branch of Federal Acknowledgement  
(Code 440-B)

Dear George:

As per our telephone conversation on February 23, 1983, I am enclosing the Tolowa Recognition Project Provisional Council Resolution: 83-01, requested for the Federal Acknowledgement Petition for the federal recognitions of the Tolowa tribe and/or its village clusters.

The resolution was unanimously passed at a General Public meeting held Saturday, March 19, 1983, in Smith River, California. Resolution: 83-01 is to further support the initial resolution 9/11/82 submitted to your office on January 21, 1983.

Please forward all correspondence, inquiries, or concerns to: Tolowa Recognition Project, P. O. Box 4266, Arcata, CA, 95521. Do not hesitate to contact me at (707) 822-4007 at anytime.

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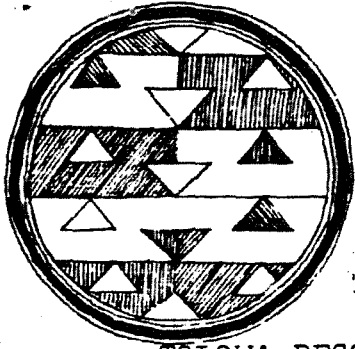
Sheryl Steinruck,  
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Enclosure

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TOLOWA RECOGNITION PROJECT  
RESOLUTION: 83-01  
DATE: March 19, 1983

AUTHORIZATION IS GIVEN BY THE TOLOWA RECOGNITION PROJECT PROVISIONAL COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROJECT PETITION FOR THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE TOLOWA TRIBE AND/OR IT'S VILLAGE CLUSTERS AS AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE.

WHEREAS, the Tolowa Recognition Project is under the auspice of Nele-chun-dun Business Council, Incorporated, with the administrative responsibility to implement a Status Clarification Resources Mobilization Project grant allocated by the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provisional Council is composed of persons of Tolowa, Tututni, and, Chetco ancestry, representative of village clusters within the aboriginal tribal territory of the Tolowa tribe, each serve on a volunteer basis with the purpose to act as the interim governmental body on behalf of the Tolowa tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Provisional Council has formed various ad hoc committees to address and fulfill the petitioning criterion of the 25 CFR 54 regulations established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, this tribe of American Indians meets all seven of the criteria in 25 CFR 54.7 (a) - (g). The tribe has been identified from historical times until the present on a substantially continuous basis as "American Indian" or "Aboriginal". (sec. 54.7 (a)). This identification is evidenced by (1) federal authorities, (2) the State of California, (3) Del Norte County, California and Curry County, Oregon, (4) courthouse, church, and school records, (5) anthropologists, historians, and other scholars, (6) books and newspapers, (7) other Indian tribes and national Indian organizations. A substantial portion of the Tribe inhabits an area within Del Norte County, California, in and around Smith River and Crescent City, California, as its ancestors have done since about 1000 B.C. This tribal community is distinct from other populations (sec. 54.7 (b)). The Tribe has maintained tribal political influence or other authority over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history until the present (54.7 (c)). The membership is composed principally of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian tribe (54.7 (f)). Finally, neither the tribe nor

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its members are subject to Congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal-Indian relationship (54.7 (g)).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Provisional Council does authorize the submission of a Federal Acknowledgement Petition for the federal recognition of the Tolowa tribe and/or its village clusters as an American Indian tribe under the 25 CFR, 54 criterion; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution further supports the Tolowa Resolution 9/11/82 initially submitted to the Branch of Federal Acknowledgement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior on January 21, 1983.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned, serve as representative members to the Tolowa Recognition Project Provisional Council, do hereby, adopt and certify this resolution on March 19, 1983, by an unanimous vote held at a General Public meeting in Smith River, California. This resolution is not rescinded or amended in anyway.

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