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Via electronic mail

Virginia Indian Advisory Board
Board Administrator
Post Office Box 2454
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Re: Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our firm represents the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe, Inc. (the "Tribe"), in connection with its application for formal recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to the procedures established for such matters, I am attaching a statement, signed by all members of the governing body of the Tribe, expressing its intention to pursue recognition.

We look forward to working with you in adding to the ranks of Virginia-recognized tribes, this active and vibrant tribe of Virginia Cherokee people.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Hurd

Enclosure

cc: Chief Terry Price

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE WOLF CREEK CHEROKEE TRIBE, INC.**
Adopted Sept. 30, 2019

WHEREAS we are Cherokee, descendants of the great Cherokee Nation, which once lived and thrived throughout much of what is now the southeastern United States, including portions of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS the press of white settlement – first the English, then the Americans – forced many Cherokee to leave their homeland, some to travel the Trail of Tears, others to disperse themselves to other places across the vast continent; and

WHEREAS our own ancestors chose to retreat into the mountains – and into the area near Wolf Creek Mountain – there to maintain themselves quietly for generations; and

WHEREAS, for many years, while under the sway of the notorious Walter Plecker, the Commonwealth sought to eradicate the very thought of our existence, insisting that our ancestors and other Virginia Indians be recognized not as Indians but as “colored,” so as to heap upon us the burdens that the law and society then imposed upon persons so marked; and

WHEREAS, upon the arrival of greater tolerance in our Commonwealth, our Tribe made the decision in 2003 to emerge into open view;

WHEREAS for over a decade and a half, our Tribe has proudly make known our heritage as part of the public life of Virginia; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth has rightly shown great respect for other Indian tribes in Virginia, granting recognition to 11 such tribes, though not yet to the Cherokee; and

WHEREAS we have reviewed the Petition for Recognition prepared by our counsel with our guidance and direction, and

WHEREAS, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the Petition for Recognition accurately traces the origin, history, and activities of our Tribe, based on documented public sources (as indicated), genealogical research (shown on the genealogical exhibits) or our own familiarity with the Tribe, its traditions, practices, activities and oral history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe does hereby authorize the filing of the Petition for Recognition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for our ancestors, ourselves and our descendants, we respectfully ask that the Commonwealth of Virginia acknowledge us, recognize who we are, and grant us, the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe, formal recognition.

Adopted by a vote of 6 to 0 at a meeting of the Tribal Council of the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe, held at the Wolf Creek Tribal Center and Museum in Henrico, Virginia, on Sept 30, 2019. In witness whereof, the undersigned, being all the members of the Tribal Council, hereby set our hands:

Chay Long & Bin
Jackie Long & Bin
Quinn Long
Robert Davis
Deanna Nicholson
Pamela Sturrock