



Point Au Chien Indian Tribe
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Monday, April 22, 1996

Tribal Chairman:

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Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Greetings Ms. Deer:

Administrative Office:

Ridgelake Office Building;
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3350 Ridgelake Drive
Metairie, LA 70002
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The Point Au Chien Indian Tribe submits this 'Letter of Intent' declaring its desire to establish a recognized formal relationship with the Federal Government of the United States according to Part 25 of the Federal Code of Regulations.

The Indian community of the Point Au Chien sub-region has been organized since 1993 with a formal political structure patterned after traditional governing structures. The Point Au Chien Indian Tribe and its organization is one separate and apart from the efforts of the United Houma Nation Incorporated and that of the Biloxi, Chitimacha and Confederation of Muskogeas, Incorporated.

Second Chairman:

Sidney Gary Verdin
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The Point Au Chien Indian Tribe meets all seven of the criteria found in 25 CFR 83.7. The Tribe has been identified from historic times until the present as "American Indian" or "aboriginal" (83.7(a)). A majority of the tribal members inhabit the areas of the Point Au Chien sub-region, as have their ancestors, and they have been and are recognized as an Indian community distinct from other populations, (83.7(b)). Through history the tribe has maintained political influence or other authority over its members as an autonomous entity (83.7(c)). The Tribe has written governing document (83.7(d)), and current membership enrollment which establishes decendancy from an historic tribal entity (83.7(e)). Tribal membership is composed of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian Tribe (83.7(f)). The Tribe makes no claim as a political subdivision of any other Indian Tribe. Neither the Tribe nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden a federal relationship (83.7(g)).

Secretary:

Mandy Verdin

A full Petition For Recognition will be submitted at a future date.

Respectfully yours,

Steve Cherámie

Tribal Chairman

Mandy F. Verdin

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Council Secretary

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Second Chairman

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cc: The Honorable, Mike Foster, Governor of Louisiana
The Honorable, J. Bennett Johnston, US Senator
The Honorable, John Breaux, US Senator
The Honorable, William "Billy" Tauzin, US Congressman
The Honorable, Robert Livingston, US Congressman
The Honorable, Barry P. Bonvillain, Parish President, Terrebonne Parish

Motion By: Sidney Verdin

Seconded By: Eugene Billiot

RESOLUTION NO. 96-402

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO SUBMITTING A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE BRANCH
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RESEARCH OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IN SEEKING FEDERAL
RECOGNITION.

WHEREAS, The Point Au Chien Indian Tribe consists of an Indian community sub-region and people who have continuously been identified from historic times until the present as "American Indian" or "Aboriginal";

WHEREAS, the majority of the "active" members of the tribe continue to inhabit the area around Point Au Chien, as have their ancestors;

WHEREAS, the Point Au Chien Indians are recognized as an Indian community distinct from other populations;

WHEREAS, during their long history, the Point Au Chien Indian community has maintained political influence or other authority over its members as an autonomous entity

WHEREAS, the tribe has a written governing document and current membership enrollment which establishes descendancy from an historic tribal entity

WHEREAS, its membership is composed of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian Tribe;

WHEREAS, neither the tribe nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden a federal relationship.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Point Au Chien Indian Tribe wishes to express its desire through a letter of intent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to file a petition for federal recognition through the Department of the Interior.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NAYS: NONE

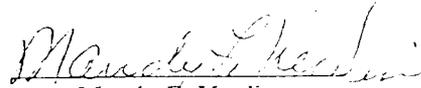
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

and the Chairman declared the Resolution adopted on this 20th, day of April 1996.

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I, Mandy F. Verdin, Secretary of the Tribal Council Point Au Chien Indian Tribe, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the RESOLUTION adopted by the Tribal Council in REGULAR session on April 20th, 1996 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 20th DAY OF April 1996.


Mandy F. Verdin
Council Secretary
Point au Chien Indian Tribe

ATTEST:


Steve Ceramic
Tribal Chairman
Point Au Chien Indian Tribe