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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  
Floral, 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 1, 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 1, 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 1, Tama Reservation  
Cairo, Georgia 31728  
Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, Inc.  
c/o Mr. W. R. Jackson  
Route 1, 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 1  
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

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