

1 time as "No Man's Land"; and

2 WHEREAS, today there exists the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana
3 Cherokee Confederacy, a domestic nonprofit corporation, registered with the
4 secretary of state of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state of Louisiana to recognize the
6 Indian tribes within the borders of the state and to support their aspirations for
7 the preservation of their cultural heritage and the improvement of their
8 economic conditions, and to assist them in their just rights.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana
10 formally recognizes the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States
12 and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs are hereby memorialized,
13 requested, and urged to take such steps as are necessary to effect, in the near
14 future, formal recognition of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee
15 Confederacy, and to acknowledge that the rights of the Four Winds Tribe,
16 Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy are no less, if not indeed greater, than that
17 of other Indian tribes in the United States, and, therefore, to take appropriate
18 executive and/or congressional action.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be
20 transmitted to the president of the United States, the presiding officers of the
21 Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,
22 each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and the director of the
23 Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Jones.

DIGEST

Provides that the Legislature of Louisiana formally recognize the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederation.

Memorializes congress to take necessary steps to effect formal recognition of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederation, and to acknowledge that the rights of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederation are no less, if not greater, than other Indian tribes in the United States.