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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**

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**PREAMBLE**

We, the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana, desiring to establish an organization for our common welfare and benefit, do hereby adopt and proclaim the following constitution.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

**ARTICLE II – TERRITORY**

The jurisdiction of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana shall extend to all lands now held, or hereafter acquired, by or for the Chitimacha Tribe.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The membership of the Chitimacha Tribe shall consist of

- (a) All Chitimacha Indians living on the date of approval of this constitution,
  - (1) Whose names appear on the Annuity Pay Roll of 1926, Claim 374514, which was received and recorded by the Office of Indian Affairs on October 18, 1926, or the revised census roll of June 1959, of record at the Choctaw Indian Agency, Philadelphia, Mississippi, or
  - (2) Who are lineal descendants of such persons and provided such descendants apply for membership and furnish birth certificates or other sufficient evidence to prove their ancestry.
- (b) Any lineal descendant of any person described in sub-section (a) above shall be entitled to membership provided such descendants apply for membership and furnish birth certificates or other sufficient evidence to prove their ancestry.

**Sec. 2** The tribal council shall have the power to correct the membership roll at any time so that it conforms to the membership criteria established in Article III, Section 1.

**Sec. 3.** The burden of proof rests upon the applicant to establish his eligibility for enrollment.

**Sec. 4.** The tribal council shall have the power to pass ordinances governing future membership, loss of membership, and the adoption of new members.

#### **ARTICLE IV – ASSIGNMENT OF TRIBAL LANDS**

**Section 1.** The members of the Chitimacha Tribe now occupying home sites on tribal land may continue to occupy such as their home sites, the remaining acreage to be available for present and future assignments. The use and assignment of tribal land shall be in accordance with an ordinance enacted by the tribal council.

**Sec 2.** Upon the death of any member, male or female, now married to a non-Indian, the home site of such member shall continue to be occupied by the non-Indian husband or wife until said non-Indian person's death, provided that this non-Indian person does not remarry a non-Indian. Should he or she remarry a non-Indian, the assignment shall be canceled, but any improvements accumulated on the land during the marriage of the non-Indian and the member of the Chitimacha Tribe or during the occupancy by said non-Indian after the death of the spouse, may be appraised and sold, the proceeds to be paid to the surviving spouse, or such improvements may be removed from the land in accordance with the land assignment ordinance.

**Sec. 3.** Upon the death of any member or non-Indian surviving spouse who did not remarry, the home site and improvements may continue to be occupied by the heirs or assignees, provided they qualify for membership in the tribe.

#### **ARTICLE V – GOVERNING BODY**

**Section 1. Composition.** The governing body of the Chitimacha Tribe shall be the Chitimacha Tribal Council, a five-member body composed of a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer, who reside on the Chitimacha Reservation, and two (2) councilmen, all of whom shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the Chitimacha Tribe.

**Sec. 2. Qualifications.** All officers and councilmen (members of the council) must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and members of the tribe. If either the chairman, vice-chairman, or secretary-treasurer moves his residence from the reservation, he shall automatically lose his office. Such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Article VI, Section 6. In addition to the eligibility requirements identified above, in order to run for a seat on Tribal Council:

- A. The chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
- B. Candidates must be enrolled members of the Chitimacha Tribe for at least three consecutive years directly prior to running for office;
- C. Candidates must possess a high school diploma or its equivalency;
- D. Candidates must not have charges pending for any felony or crime of theft or fraud;

- E. Candidates must not possess a conviction for any felony or crime of theft or fraud receiving within the last 10 years;
- F. Candidates must have, within the last year:
  - 1. Worked with or for the Tribal Government; or
  - 2. Served on a Board or Committee that directly interacts with Tribal Council; or
  - 3. Attended at least six Tribal Council meetings.

**Sec. 3. Suspension, Removal, and Recall.**

A. Suspension

- 1. Grounds for Suspension. If during his or her term of office, any Tribal Council member is charged in a tribal, parish, state, or federal court with either a felony offense or crime of theft or fraud, the Tribal Council member shall be suspended from Tribal Council duties, obligations, privileges, and compensation until resolution of any pending charges pursuant to the process set forth in Section 3(A)(2) of this Article.
- 2. Suspension Process.
  - (a) An enrolled member of the Chitimacha Tribe who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and registered to vote in a Chitimacha Tribal Election pursuant to the current election ordinance of the Chitimacha Tribe may submit to the Tribal Council a written Petition for Suspension alleging that at least one of the grounds for suspension is met.
  - (b) Upon receipt of a Petition for Suspension that is submitted by an eligible petitioner and on its face alleges grounds for suspension, the Tribal Council shall without delay submit the petition to the Chitimacha Tribal Court to determine whether the grounds for suspension are met.
  - (c) The Chitimacha Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction to review a Petition for Suspension and determine, based on findings of fact and conclusions of law, whether the grounds for suspension alleged therein exist based on clear and convincing evidence. The Chitimacha Tribal Court shall submit its determination to the Tribal Council without the right of further judicial review by any party.
  - (d) If the Chitimacha Tribal Court determines that the grounds for suspension exist, the Tribal Council shall without delay either certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination and ratify the suspension of the Tribal Council member or find that the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination is patently false, in which case the

Tribal Council member subject to the Petition for Suspension shall not be suspended and the Petition for Suspension shall be dismissed. The Tribal Council member subject to the Petition for Suspension shall not cast a vote on the decision of whether to certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination or overturn it as patently false.

- (e) If the Chitimacha Tribal Court determines that the grounds for suspension do not exist, the Tribal Council shall without delay certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination and reinstate the Tribal Council member to serve any remaining portion of his or her term of office.
3. Vacancy Not Created. A vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council shall not occur whenever a Tribal Council member is suspended from office.
4. Reinstatement After Suspension. If a suspended Tribal Council member is acquitted of all relevant charges or the prosecution for the relevant charges is terminated without a conviction on those charges, then the Tribal Council must reinstate the Tribal Council member to serve any remaining portion of his or her term of office.
5. Duties, Obligations, and Compensation Pending Prosecution. Once suspended from office, a Tribal Council member shall remain suspended from all Tribal duties, obligations, privileges, and compensation pending the final disposition of the relevant tribal, parish, state, or federal charges.
6. Duties, Obligations, and Compensation After Conviction. If a suspended Tribal Council member is convicted of a relevant charge that was a basis for the Petition for Suspension, the Tribal Council member shall remain suspended from all Tribal duties, obligations, privileges, and compensation until he or she is either reinstated to or removed from office.

B. Removal

1. Grounds for Removal. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 3(B)(2) of this Article, a Tribal Council member shall be subject to automatic removal from office if that Tribal Council member:
  - (a) Is convicted during his or her term of office in tribal, parish, state, or federal court for any felony offense or crime of theft or fraud;
  - (b) Violates the Tribe's Drug and Alcohol Personnel Policy (as approved by the Tribal Council) involving a final determination of a positive test result for a substance that is illegal for the member to possess or use under applicable Federal laws or within the State of Louisiana. The Tribe's Drug and Alcohol Personnel Policy applies to Tribal Council members;
  - (c) Willfully refuses to submit to an appropriate drug or alcohol test; or

(d) Fails to maintain actual residency on the Chitimacha Reservation during his or her term of office if the Tribal Council member is an Officer.

2. Removal Process.

(a) An enrolled member of the Chitimacha Tribe who is at least twenty-one years old and registered to vote in a Chitimacha Tribal Election pursuant to the current election ordinance of the Chitimacha Tribe may submit to the Tribal Council a written Petition for Removal alleging that at least one of the grounds for removal is met.

(b) Upon receipt of a Petition for Removal that is submitted by an eligible petitioner and on its face alleges grounds for removal, the Tribal Council shall without delay submit the petition to the Chitimacha Tribal Court to determine whether the grounds for removal are met.

(c) The Chitimacha Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction to review a Petition for Removal and determine, based on findings of fact and conclusions of law, whether the grounds for removal alleged therein exist based on clear and convincing evidence. The Chitimacha Tribal Court must submit its determination to the Tribal Council without the right of further judicial review by any party.

(d) If the Chitimacha Tribal Court determines that the grounds for removal exist, the Tribal Council shall without delay either certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination and remove the Tribal Council member or find that the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination is patently false, in which case the Tribal Council member subject to the Petition for Removal shall not be removed and the Petition for Removal shall be dismissed. The Tribal Council member subject to the Petition for Removal shall not cast a vote on the decision of whether to certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination or overturn it as patently false.

(e) If the Chitimacha Tribal Court determines that the grounds for removal do not exist, the Tribal Council shall without delay certify the Chitimacha Tribal Court's determination and the Tribal Council member shall not be removed and may serve any remaining portion of his or her term of office.

3. No Reinstatement. A removed Tribal Council member shall not be eligible for reinstatement to office.

4. Vacancy Created. A vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council shall occur whenever a Tribal Council member is removed from office. Any vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.

C. Recall.

1. Upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty at least percent (20%) of the registered voters of the Tribe, any Tribal Council member may be removed from office upon the vote of the majority of the registered voters, voting in such recall, governed by the current election ordinance of the Chitimacha Tribe. If the member is so removed, the resulting vacancy shall be filled under Article VI, Section 6.
2. A Tribal Council member can only be subject to one recall petition per term of office and only one Tribal Council member can be the subject of any one recall election.

## ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** Annual elections shall be held on the second Saturday in June to fill vacancies on the council resulting from the expiration of the two-year terms of office. Officers and councilmen, hereinafter referred to as members of the tribal council, shall be elected by secret ballot. A majority of those voting shall be necessary to effect election.

**Sec. 2. Entitlement to vote.** Any tribal member, male or female, eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall be entitled to vote in any election, except in elections to adopt or amend this constitution. Participation in elections to adopt or amend this constitution shall be limited to those who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older. No person shall be permitted to vote in any election unless he is duly registered.

**Sec. 3. Election Ordinance.** The tribal council shall enact an ordinance governing the conduct of tribal elections and referendums, provided that such election ordinance shall provide for voter registration, secret balloting, absentee voting, and procedures for settling election disputes.

**Sec. 4. First Election.** Within four (4) months after the approval of this constitution, the chairman of the present council shall call a special election for the purpose of electing the members of the tribal council. The present council shall appoint an election board of three (3) persons to supervise the first election of members of the tribal council under this constitution. The board shall prescribe rules and regulations for conducting such election which shall be by secret ballot. After the first election, the members of the tribal council shall be elected in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.

**Sec. 5. Terms of Office.** The newly elected members of the tribal council shall be installed in office on the first day of the month immediately following the election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and until their successors are duly elected and installed.

In the first election following the effective date of this constitution, the chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected to serve until the installation following the 1973 election. The remaining members of the council shall serve until those elected in 1972 are installed. Thereafter, there shall be annual elections during the month of June and all members of the council shall be elected for two (2) year terms. The chairman and vice-chairman's terms shall

expire in the odd numbered years, while terms of the other three (3) council members shall expire in even numbered years.

**Sec. 6. Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the tribal council, that body shall by majority vote fill such vacancy by appointing a tribal member, qualified pursuant to Article V, to serve until the expiration of that term of office.

## **ARTICLE VII – POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**Section 1. Enumerated Powers.** The Tribal Council of the Chitimacha Tribe shall have the following powers subject to any limitations imposed by the Statutes or the Constitution of the United States:

- (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments.
- (b) To employ legal counsel.
- (c) To manage, acquire or dispose of, lease, encumber or use tribal lands, interests in lands, tribal funds or other tribal assets, subject to federal law.
- (d) To veto any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in land, tribal funds, or other tribal assets.
- (e) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the Chitimacha Indians prior to the submission of such estimates, to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress.
- (f) To appropriate any available tribal funds for the benefit of the tribe.
- (g) To supervise and manage tribal economic affairs and enterprises in accordance with this constitution and a corporate charter which may be issued by the Secretary of the Interior.
- (h) To pass and enforce ordinances and rules and regulations providing for the management of tribal lands or other tribal assets, including the making and revoking of assignments, disposition of timber, oil and mineral resources, except that this article shall not conflict or interfere in any way with the provisions of Article IV.

## **ARTICLE VIII – REFERENDUM**

Upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe, or upon request of a majority of the members of the tribal council, any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution of the council shall be submitted to popular referendum, and the vote of the majority of the registered voters, voting in such referendum, conducted pursuant to Section 3, Article VI, shall be conclusive and binding upon the tribal council.

## **ARTICLE IX – BILL OF RIGHTS**

The protections guaranteed to individual tribal members by Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 77) against actions of a tribe in exercising its powers of self-government, shall apply where appropriate to members of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** This constitution may be amended by a majority of the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe, as provided in Section 2 of Article VI, voting in an election authorized for that purpose by the tribal council, provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of those registered to vote shall cast ballots in such election. An election authorized under this Article X shall be a special election governed by the current election ordinance of the Chitimacha Tribe.

**Sec. 2.** It shall be the duty of the tribal council to authorize an election on any proposed amendment language:

- (a) approved, by resolution, by at least four (4) affirmative votes of the tribal council; or
- (b) presented to the tribal council by a petition signed by one-fourth (1/4) of the voters of the Chitimacha Tribe who were registered to vote on the date of the last primary election and achieved twenty-one (21) years of age or over on the date the petition is presented to the tribal council.



**BYLAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**

**ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1. The chairman** shall preside over all meetings of the council. He shall perform the usual duties of a chairman and exercise any authority delegated to him by the council.

**Sec. 2. The vice-chairman** shall assist the chairman when called upon to do so and in the absence of the chairman he shall preside over the meeting. When presiding, he shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of the chairman.

**Sec. 3. secretary-treasurer** of the council shall conduct all tribal correspondence, and shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at council meetings. It shall be his duty to submit promptly to the Superintendent, copies of all minutes of regular and special meetings of the council. He shall accept, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all tribal funds coming into his custody by virtue of his office. He shall deposit all funds in such depository as the council shall direct. He shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds and shall report all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his custody at each meeting of the tribal council. An audit of accounts shall be made at such time as the tribal council or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs may require. All checks drawn upon tribal funds must bear the signature of the chairman and the secretary-treasurer. Neither shall disburse any funds except by resolution of the council. The secretary-treasurer shall receive a salary of \$1.00 per year or such other sum as the tribal council may direct. He shall be required to give bond satisfactory to the council and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The cost of the bond shall be paid out of tribal funds.

**Sec. 4.** The duties of all committees or boards appointed by the tribal council shall be defined by resolution of the council at the time of their creation or appointment. Such committees and boards shall report to the council from time to time as required, and their activities and decisions shall be subject to review by the council.

**ARTICLE II – MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Meetings of the tribal council** may be called by the chairman at his discretion and must be called by him upon request of a majority of the council. Ten days notice of meetings must be given by the chairman in the manner determined by the tribal council. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

**Sec.2. General Tribal Meeting.** A regular general tribal meeting shall be held each year on the second Saturday in June. Special general tribal meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairman of the tribal council and must be called by him upon a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of those members entitled to vote at tribal elections. The chairman of the tribal council, or in his absence the vice-chairman, shall preside at all general tribal meetings. The meeting shall be widely noticed ten days in advance. The purpose of the meeting shall be included in the notice. A majority of the adult members present shall decide on issues considered.

**Sec. 3. Quorum** A majority of the full membership of the tribal council, i.e. , three (3) of the five (5) members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any tribal business.

**Sec. 4. Conduct of Meetings.** The tribal council shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order except when such rules are in conflict with this constitution.

### **ARTICLE III – ADOPTION**

This constitution was drafted November 22, 1969, by the following council members: Chairman Leonard Stouff, Vice-Chairman Leroy Burgess, Secretary-Treasurer Leslie Proctor, Councilman Alvin Vilcan, and Councilman Archie Vilcan. When adopted by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe voting in a special election authorized by the Secretary of the Interior in which at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote shall vote, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval and shall be in force from the date of such approval in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378); and amended on September 24, 2008, through Resolution CHI-TC #53-08, by the following Council Members: Chairman Lonnie L. Martin, Vice-Chairman Tricia Mora, Councilman Jules Darden, and Councilman Nikina Vilcan, and adopted by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe voting in a general election authorized by the Secretary of the Interior in which at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote did vote, and was submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval and is in force from the date of such approval, that being July 21, 2009, in accordance with Article X – AMENDMENTS of the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA; and amended on August 20, 2009, through Resolution CHI-TC #41-09, by the following Council Members: Vice-Chairman John Paul Darden, Secretary-Treasurer Tasia Burgess, Councilman Jules Darden, and Councilman Nikina Vilcan, and adopted by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe voting in a general election authorized by the Secretary of the Interior in which at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote did vote, and was submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval and is in force from the date of such approval, that being July 4, 2010, in accordance with Article X – AMENDMENTS of the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an election authorized by Acting Associate Commissioner, Flore Lekanof of Indian Affairs on June 23, 1970, under delegated authority, the attached Constitution and By-Laws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on November 7, 1970 duly adopted by a vote of 85 for, and 6 against, in an election in which at least 30 percent of the 139 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).


  
John F. Gordon, Chairman, Election Board


  
Emile Stouff, Election Board Member

  
Lester Darden, Election Board Member

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V

Pursuant to an election authorized by Acting Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Scott Meneely, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 28, 2009, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article V being Subsection 3. Forfeiture of Office to the Constitution and ByLaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on June 13, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of 165 for, and 56 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 528 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

  
Ann Kimberly Cook, Chairperson, Election Board

  
Ashley Boudreaux, Secretary, Election Board

  
April Wyatt, Election Board Member

  
Brittany Martin, Election Board Alternate

**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III**

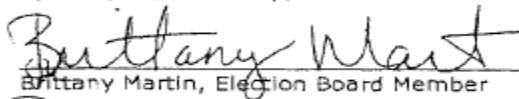
Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Franklin Keel, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on March 12, 2010, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article III being Section 1. to the Constitution and ByLaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on June 12, 2010, duly adopted by a vote of 159 for, and 91 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 554 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



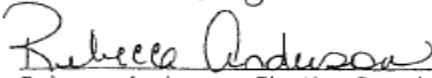
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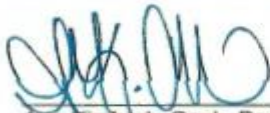
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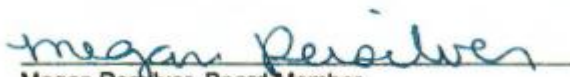
Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article III being Section 2. to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 55 for, and 28 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



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Secretarial Election Board



Ann Kimberly Cook, Board Member  
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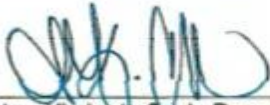
Megan Persilver, Board Member  
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**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III**

Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article III being Section 4, to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 52 for, and 32 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



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**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV**

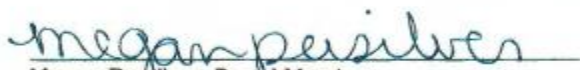
Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article IV being Section 1, to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 59 for, and 24 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



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**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article VII being Section 1, subsection (b) to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 66 for, and 18 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

  
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Megan Persilver, Board Member  
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**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article VII being Section 2, subsection (c) to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 57 for, and 27 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII**

Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article VII being Section 1, subsection (h) to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 56 for, and 28 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



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Secretarial Election Board

**CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X**

Pursuant to an election authorized by Director of the Eastern Regional Office, Bruce Maytubby, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 19, 2017, under delegated authority, the amendment affixed to Article X being Section 1 and Section 2, to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and was on February 16, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of 56 for, and 28 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 166 members entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).



Rebecca J. Smith, Chairperson  
Secretarial Election Board



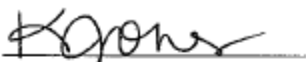
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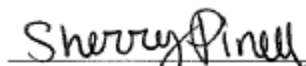
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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment A (Article V, Section 2 A.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment A to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment A was duly adopted with 180 voters voting Yes and 77 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election cast their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.



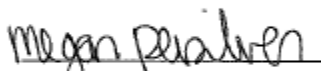
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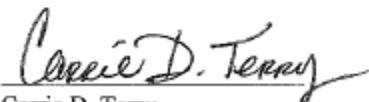
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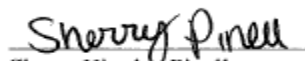


**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment B (Article V, Section 2 B.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

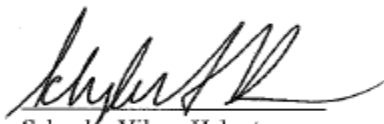
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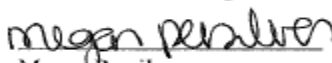
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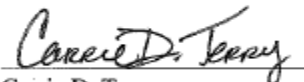
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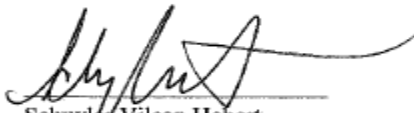
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Chitimacha Clerk of Court

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment C (Article V, Section 2 C.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

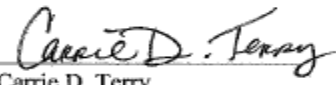
Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment C to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment C was duly adopted with 192 voters voting Yes and 74 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election casting their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

  
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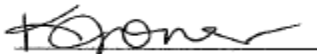
  
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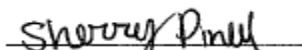
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment D (Article V, Section 2 D.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment D to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment D was duly adopted with 180 voters voting Yes and 86 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election casting their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.



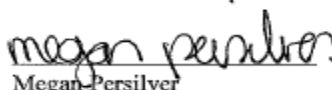
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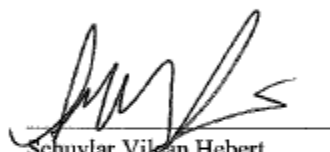
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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment E (Article V, Section 2 E.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

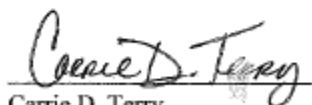
Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment E to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment E was duly adopted with 187 voters voting Yes and 80 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election casting their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

  
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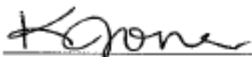
  
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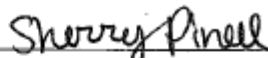
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment F (Article V, Section 2 F.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment F to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment F was duly adopted with 140 voters voting Yes and 126 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election casting their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.



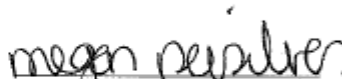
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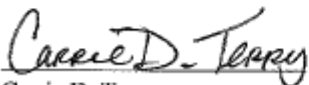
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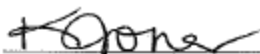
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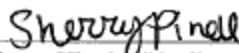
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**Amendment G (Article V, Section 2 A.)**  
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**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

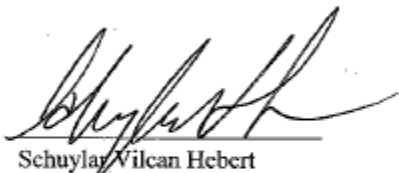
Under a Special Election authorized by Chitimacha Tribal Council Resolution CHI-TC #33-19, Amendment G to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was submitted to the registered voters of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana eligible to vote in the Special Election and on June 8, 2019, Amendment G was duly adopted with 153 voters voting Yes and 86 voters voting No. At least thirty percent (30%) of the 614 registered voters eligible to vote in the Special Election casting their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.



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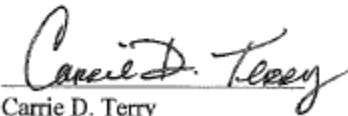
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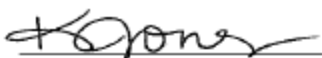
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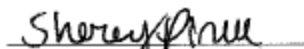
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**Amendment H (Article V, Section 3 B.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

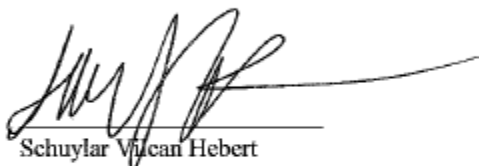
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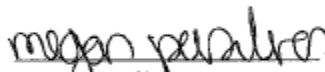
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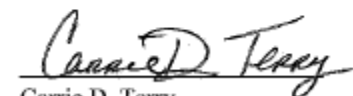
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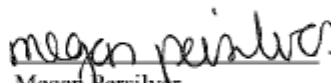
**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS**  
**Amendment I (Article V, Section 3 C.)**  
**JUNE 8, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana**

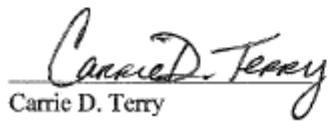
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## **APPROVAL**

I, **Harrison Loesch**, Assistant Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted to me by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 948), as amended, do hereby approve the attached Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

Approval Recommended:  
(Sgd.) Flore Lekanof  
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs

(Sgd.) Harrison Loesch  
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Washington, D.C.  
Date: Jan. 14, 1971

## **APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V**

I, **Franklin Keel**, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, and further delegated to me by the 3 IAM 4.4, do hereby approve Exhibit 1, now designated as “Subsection 3”, to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. This amendment is effective as of this date: PROVIDED that nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under this document that would be contrary to Federal law.

(Sgd.) Robert Impson for Regional Director  
Date: July 21, 2009

## **APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III**

I, **Franklin Keel**, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, and further delegated to me by 3 IAM 4.4, do hereby approve Exhibit 1, Article III – Membership, Section 1(a)(2), to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. This amendment is effective as of this date: PROVIDED that nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under this document that would be contrary to Federal law.

(Sgd.) Franklin Keel, Regional Director  
Date: July 4, 2010

**APPROVAL – AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES III, IV, VII, AND X**

I, **Bruce W. Maytubby, Sr.**, Regional Director, Eastern Region Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, and further delegated to me by 3 IAM 4.4, do hereby approve the foregoing Amendments to: Article III, Section 2; Article III, Section 4; Article IV, Section 1; Article VII, Section 1(b); Article VII, Section 1(c); Article VII, Section 1(h); Article X, Section 1 and Section 2; to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Tribal Constitution. These 7 amendments were duly adopted by a majority of the qualified voters who cast ballots in the February 16, 2018 election.

(Sgd.) Bruce W. Maytubby Sr., Regional Director  
Date: April 13, 2018