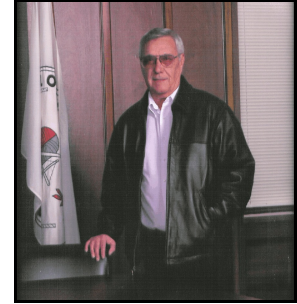




DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

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Chief Jerry Douglas

March 30, 2009

Dear Tribal Members:

I, along with Assistant Chief Wayne Stull, Trust Board Chairman Raymond M Cline, members of our Tribal Council and Trust Board are extremely pleased and honored to announce the approval and authorization of a Department of Interior (DOI), Secretarial election, under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act to allow the members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians an opportunity to ratify our Tribal Constitution. Upon *approval* of our Tribal Constitution by a majority of tribal voters that vote in this special Secretarial Election, our tribe will be restored as a federally recognized tribe.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has established **May 26, 2009** as the date for our special Secretarial election to ratify our Tribal Constitution. Very soon, registered Delaware Tribal voters and voting age tribal members will be notified by the BIA to sign up and register for this special Secretarial Election. Tribal members that do not register with the BIA to participate in the Secretarial Election will not be allowed to vote in this Special Election. Failure to register for the Secretarial Election will have no bearing on tribal membership status and/or participation in future tribal elections. This Special Election pertains only to our tribal constitution and we need to vote to **approve** the constitution so that our Great Tribe will have **Federal Recognition** restored. Your elected officials and I encourage you to sign up and register to vote in the May 26, 2009 special Secretarial Election. It is absolutely necessary that we vote to approve our tribe's constitution. **CAUTION:** if you register to vote in this Secretarial Election and fail to vote it will be counted as a **no** vote. Therefore, if you do not intend to actually vote in this Special Election do not register.

If you are aware of tribal voters, family members, friends or relatives that will not receive this letter due to change of address please have them contact the tribal headquarters as cited above. They can email changes to dtriberegistration@yahoo.com. Changes of addresses and current mailing information should be supplied to the our Tribal headquarters prior to April 21, 2009, or to the BIA, Secretarial Election Board, PO Box 8002, Muskogee, OK 74402-8002.

It is important to point out that the Tribal constitution you will be voting to approve or disapprove was originally approved by tribal voters in the General Council meeting of 1982 and amended six times in past years with the latest amendment being approved November 2008. The constitution you will be voting to ratify in this Special Election is the principal document that has governed our tribe's business affairs since 1982.

As Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indian's, my administration has been devoted, as promised, to obtain the **restoration** of our tribe's Federal Recognition. The opportunity to accomplish our tribal goal of Federal Recognition is now before us. Our fate and destiny as a **Federally Recognized Tribe** is now within our reach. And you, as a voting tribal member, will participate in a most critical and vital role in the restoration of our tribe's Federal Recognition.

All that we have worked for since the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals withdrew our Federal Recognition in 2004; now rests within your hands and depends on your vote to **approve** our constitution.

This may be our last chance for Federal Recognition. Your elected officials of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and I, as Chief, endorse the **approval** of our Tribal Constitution and urge you to register and vote to ratify our Tribe's Constitution in the upcoming Special Secretarial Election.

The struggles that have been encountered to reach this stage in the restoration of our Federal Recognition now depends on your vote to restore the Delaware Tribe of Indian's to the federal list of Federally Recognized Tribe's. Vote **YES** to ratify our Tribal Constitution and be sure to follow all instructions to make sure your vote is counted.

God's Blessings and prosperity to you and yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Douglas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Chief Jerry L. Douglas
Delaware Tribe of Indians