



Delaware Tribe of Indians

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
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DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS; TRIBAL
COUNCIL AND TRUST BOARD**

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BARTLESVILLE, OK - There is an old adage which states, “If you call yourself a leader and you look back and no one is following you...you are just out taking a walk.” This maxim holds truth for those who have issued comments to the media concerning a town hall meeting, Sunday, August 17th at the Delaware Community Center. The so called “Delaware Leaders” to host this meeting do not represent the collective voice of the Delaware Tribal government nor the Delaware Tribal membership at-large. The majority of Delaware leaders elected and serving on the Tribal Council and the Trust Board are honoring the November 3, 2007 election mandate from the Delaware Tribal voting membership which authorizes the Tribal Council to take such actions as necessary to obtain legislation for the restoration of tribal federal recognition.

80.06% of the adult voting tribal membership voted overwhelmingly, to support Tribal Council Resolution 2006-08. The November 2007 election results and the introduction of House Bill H. R. 6786 are consistent with the Tribal Council resolution and the vote of the people to reaffirm authorization to restore federal recognition to the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

The meeting being announced as a town hall meeting Sunday, August 17th, is being hosted and conducted by “Delaware leaders” is an exaggeration and misrepresentation. The so called “Delaware leaders” and town hall meeting is not an official meeting of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the majority of elected officials of the tribe will not be in attendance.

The next official meeting of the Delaware Tribe-Tribal Council is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., August 18, 2008. The Chief and Tribal Council are enthusiastic about the legislation for Delaware recognition introduced by Congressman Sullivan. Tribal members are encouraged to attend Tribal Council meetings to obtain reliable information about Delaware federal recognition and other tribal business.

Unauthorized meetings scheduled by individuals claiming to be “Delaware leaders” is a set-up by those who will not shut-up, when they cannot get their way. Tribal members enjoy your Sunday afternoon, in quality time with your family and friends, and let the so called “Delaware leaders” just take a walk.

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