SAMPLE LETTER I: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION FOR STATE RECOGNITION

Date:

Address to: North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

1317 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1317

Re: Notice of Intent to Petition for State Recognition

Dear: Director of State Recognition,

The [Name of Petitioning Group] submits this letter as its Notice of Intent to submit a documented petition for State recognition as an Indian Tribe under the administrative rules in the North Carolina Administrative Code at Title 1, Chapter 15, Section .0200, “Legal Recognition of American Indian Group.”

The historic ancestors of the [Name of Petitioning Group] occupied the area of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or counties of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in North Carolina. The [Name of Petitioning Group] was originally known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We have been acknowledged by the [Governing Body of the Petitioning Group] in resolutions dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (If applicable, include other mention of historic origins and outside acknowledgement of identity to your group.)

Our current membership is located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ counties in N.C. The current Tribal enrollment is \_\_\_\_ members. This Notice of Intent is signed by all members of our governing body. The best contact for our Tribe is [Name], [E-mail], [Telephone #], and [Address].

Sincerely,

[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [Print Name] [Title] [Print Name] [Title]

[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_]

[Print Name] [Title] [Print Name] [Title]

[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

[Print Name] [Title] [Print Name] [Title]

[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

[Print Name] [Title] [Print Name] [Title]