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COHARIE TRIBE ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

Section I. Eligibility

Tribal membership of the Coharie consists of:

a.) All persons enumerated as Indian on the following official documents:

- 1.) 1880 census of Clinton and Honeycutts townships, Sampson County, North Carolina;
- 2.) 1900 census of "Flea Hill Township, Geddies Gin Precinct" in Cumberland County, North Carolina;
- 3.) 1910 census of Dismal, Herrings and Honeycutts township, Sampson County;
- 4.) 1910 census of Anderson Creek township in Harnett County, North Carolina;
- 5.) 1910 census of Black River and Peaces Mill townships, Cumberland County, North Carolina;
- 6.) The book by George E. Butler, called "The Croatan Indians of Sampson County, N.C.; Their Origin and Racial Status": A Plea for Separate Schools. (Durham, N.C., 1916;
- 7.) Enoch Emanuel, Sketch of the Classified Indians of Sampson County, (Clinton, N.C., 1921);
- 8.) Shiloh Indian School Attendance List for 1931 -32;
- 9.) Sampson County Indian Organization membership roll of 1944, entitled "Roll of Names of Members of the Clan" (microfilm reel X.30.1, North Carolina Archives).

NOTE: For the purpose of computing blood quantum, all Indians eligible under section 1 (a) are hereby declared as full-blood (4/4) Coharie.

- b.) All living descendants of those eligible under Section 1 (a), provided they were born of a parent living in the Indian community of Sampson, Harnett or Cumberland counties, * and provided they are not enrolled as members of any

recognized tribe, shall be eligible as Coharie Tribal members. If one is eligible for membership in more than one tribe, he or she must make a selection as to which tribe he or she enrolls with.

Section II. Adoption

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Section III. Requirements

- a.) All qualified Coharie membership applicants shall submit a completed official enrollment application to the Coharie Intra-Tribal Council.
- b.) Applicant must provide the Intra-Tribal Council a completed Genealogy Chart with support documentation, if asked for, such as wills, birth certificates, or marriage records.
- c.) The Enrollment Review Committee appointed by the Coharie Intra-Tribal Council shall review each membership application and support documentation to determine membership eligibility in accordance with established requirements. All evidence will be retained by the Coharies.
- d.) Final decision as to tribal enrollment lies with the Coharie Intra-Tribal Council Board of Directors, to which rejected applicants may appeal.
- e.) All applicants determined eligible for membership in the Coharie Tribe shall be included in the Tribal Roll and shall be accorded all rights, privileges and responsibilities prescribed in existing By-Laws of the Coharie Tribe.

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