

01 NCAC 15 .0202 DEFINITIONS

When used in this Section the following definitions apply:

- (1) "AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE" means a population of Indian people all related to one another by blood or kinship, tracing their heritage to indigenous Indian tribes, and recognized by the State or federal government.
- (2) "COMMISSION" means the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.
- (3) "GROUP" means the members of a community, inter-related by blood, and listed on submitted membership rolls as defined in Item (5) of this Rule, and petitioning the state for official recognition as an American Indian tribe.
- (4) "INDIGENOUS" means native to North Carolina.
- (5) "MEMBERSHIP ROLL" means a list of those individuals who have been determined by a group to meet the group's membership requirements. The membership roll shall list the names, addresses, date of birth, names of both parents (including mothers' maiden names), and telephone numbers of the people and relate each one to their kinship ties. These kinship ties shall be consistent with information documented in genealogy charts submitted in accordance with Rule .0212(2) of this Section.
- (6) "NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION" means a letter without supporting petition-related documents from a group requesting official recognition by the State of North Carolina.
- (7) "PETITION" means the presented documents and arguments made by a group to substantiate its claims that it satisfies the criteria identified in Rules .0203 and .0212 of this Section.
- (8) "PETITIONER" means any group that has submitted a Notice of Intent to Petition to the Commission requesting State recognition as an American Indian tribe.
- (9) "SPLINTER GROUP" means a political faction, community, or group of any character that separates or has separated from the main body of a state or federally recognized American Indian tribe, and has not functioned throughout history as an autonomous American Indian tribe.
- (10) "STATE" means the State of North Carolina.

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