



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Council on Indians

### *RECOGNITION CRITERIA*

- 1. The Petitioning Tribe has been identified as a tribe that is indigenous to Virginia at the time of the arrival of the first European settlers.*
- 2. The Petitioning Tribe occupied a specific site in Virginia as defined by the current State boundaries.*
- 3. The Petitioning Tribe is not recognized by another state.*
- 4. The members of the Petitioning Tribe are Indian descendants from the Indigenous Tribe and are not members of any other tribe.*
- 5. The Petitioning Tribe has an established Tribal Organization with the appropriate records and historical documentation such as governing documents and membership criteria.*
- 6. The Petitioner is not a splinter group or faction which has separated from a Tribe currently recognized.*

BASED ON THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY  
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

*Approved by The Virginia Council on Indians 9-18-89*

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