To: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
   Attention: Tribal Services (TG)

From: Regional Director
       Southern Plains Region

Subject: Certification of Secretarial Election – Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Attached for your records are the following items from the above subject election conducted August 21, 2008:

1. Approval letter dated April 23, 2008
2. Certificate of Results signed by the Election Board August 21, 2008
3. Proposed Amendment A, now designated Amendment III
4. Registered Voters’ List
5. The ballot

No protest or challenges to the election were filed; therefore the amendment became effective August 21, 2008.
Ms. Christie Modlin  
Chairperson, Iowa Business Committee  
R.R. 1, Box 721  
Perkins, Oklahoma 74059

Dear Ms. Modlin:

On February 27, 2008, the Iowa Business enacted Resolution No. 1-08-39 to propose an amendment to its constitution. The resolution also requests the Secretary to authorize an election to allow the Iowa tribal members the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment.

The language of the proposed amendment is as follows:

**AMENDMENT A**

**ARTICLE II - Membership of Tribe**

(b) All direct lineal descendants of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma allottees who possess one-sixteenth (1/16) or more degree of Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Indian blood, who have one parent who is a recognized member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and who apply for membership after the effective date of this amendment.

The amendment is hereby approved pursuant to the authority delegated to the Regional Director by 130 DM 3 and 3 IAM 4.4. The amendment will become effective when ratified by the adult members as provided in Article XV - Amendment of the tribe’s current constitution.

I hereby authorize an election to be called and conducted. Voting on the proposed amendment shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations in 25 CFR §81, and consistent with the amendment provision of the tribe’s constitution. Note, 25 CFR §81.11, 81.12, 81.13 and 81.14, regarding the need to develop a list of persons eligible and registered to vote and the deadlines entitled. The registration list must be posted at least twenty (20) days prior to the election which does not include the dates of posting and election day.
The date of the election shall be set by the Chairman of the Election Board in cooperation with tribal representatives and shall not be less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of posting notices of the election. Section 81.8 provides for an election board composed of a chairman and at least two (2) representatives of the tribe. The election board shall furnish suitable ballots and supervise the election.

In accordance with 25 CFR §81.8 the election board will consist of the officer in charge acting as chairman and at least two representatives of the tribal governing body or an authorized representative committee. The officer in charge is defined as the Superintendent, Administrative officer, or other official of the local unit of the BIA (or Bureau employee that such person might designate) having administrative jurisdiction over a tribe. Therefore, I hereby designate Suzanne Chaney, Southern Plains Region, Community Services Officer, as Chairperson of the secretarial election board of the above authorized election.

The tribe now needs to appoint the tribal representatives for the Secretarial Election Board. Once appointed they should contact Ms. Chaney as soon as possible to set up a meeting for the election process to begin.

Once the authorization has been granted by the Secretary or his authorized representative, no modification, including correction, deletion or retyping of the authorized version of the proposed amendment shall be made by the Agency Office. In accordance with 25 CFR § 81.5(F), this authorization becomes null and void unless acted upon within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance.

Once the election is completed, forward a copy of the proposed amendment, a copy of the completed certificate of results of election, the eligible voter's list, the voter's packet, a copy of the ballot and any challenges to the Southern Plains Regional Office Branch of Tribal Government Services.

If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Chaney, at 405-247-1537.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Regional Director

cc: Deputy Regional Director - Indian Services
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Dan Deerinwater  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Southern Plains Region  
PO Box 368  
Anadarko, OK  73005  

Dear Mr. Deerinwater:

On behalf of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma the Business Committee is requesting a Secretarial Election for purposes of amending our Tribal Constitution. The only amendment we are seeking is to lower the blood quantum from 1/8 to 1/16.

Our Annual General Council meeting is June 7, 2008 and we hope to be able to have this ready to be voted on by the Tribal membership at that time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Respectfully,

Christie Modlin,  
Chairman  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Enclosures
RESOLUTION I-08-39

REQUEST FOR SECRETARIAL ELECTION

WHEREAS: The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Thomas-Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, and has a Constitution approved by the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS: The Business Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma has the power to conduct business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters on which the Tribe is empowered to act pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Business Committee has received input and direction from the membership of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma that the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma should be amended to decrease the blood quantum a person must possess to be eligible for membership in the Iowa Tribe; and

WHEREAS: The Business Committee has determined that Article I1, Section 1 of the Constitution should be amended to provide that direct lineal descendants of Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma allottees who possess one-sixteenth (1/16) or more degree of blood and who otherwise meet the other qualifications set forth in Section 1(b) shall be eligible for membership in the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, as fully described in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS: Article XV of the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma provides that "Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a majority vote of the Business Committee or by a petition signed by at least thirty (30) percent of the qualified voters of the Tribe, and if approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be submitted to a referendum of those entitled to vote, and shall be effective if approved by a majority of the votes cast"; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire and intent of the Business Committee that a Secretarial election be held for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Article XV of the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Business Committee hereby (1) submits an amendment to the Constitution, attached hereto as Attachment A, to the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, (2) requests that the Secretary or his authorized representative approved the Constitutional amendment, and (3) requests that, upon approval, the Secretary or his authorized representative conduct a Secretarial election consistent with the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and with federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Business Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to address any questions, concerns or objections to the proposed Amendment to the Constitution by the Secretary or his authorized representative and respond thereto on behalf of the Iowa Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

We, Christie Modlin, Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and Eugene Big Soldier, Jr., Secretary, do hereby certify that the above Resolution I-08-39 to be a true and exact copy as approved at a meeting held on February 27, 2008 by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nay, and 1 abstention.

Christie Modlin, Chairman
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Eugene Big Soldier, Jr., Secretary
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE

Section 1. Membership. The membership of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma shall consist of the following persons who have not elected to be enrolled with another Tribe or have not received a share of land or money by virtue of having been enrolled as a member of another Tribe.

(a) All living persons whose names appear on the approved membership roll of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma dated March 24, 1975.

(b) All direct lineal descendants of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma allottees who possess one-eighth (1/8) one-sixteenth (1/16) or more degree of Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Indian blood, who have one parent who is a recognized member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and who apply for membership after the effective date of this amendment.

Section 2. Business Committee Power. The Business Committee shall have the power to make rules and regulations subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing the adoption of members no otherwise provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws and governing future membership and loss of membership.

[Deletions identified with strikethrough. Additions identified with underline.]
Amendment A

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967) and redelegated by 130 D.M., a Secretarial Election was authorized by the Acting Regional Director on April 23, 2008. The attached amendment to the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma was submitted to the qualified voters of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma on August 21, 2008 and was ratified/rejected by a vote of 70 for and 51 against, and 6 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 149 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Article XV of the Tribe’s Constitution.

Chairperson Election Board

Election Board Member

Election Board Member

August 21, 2008
Constitutional Amendment Eligible Voter List

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Adcock, Lauren Ashley
Baldwin, Sandra Dee
Barnes, Judy Ann
Barnes, Lindsey Renee
Barnes-Borden, Desiree' Jai
Bell, Mrs. Edith Alicia
Bell, Ms. Brandice Alicia
Bell, Ms. Kandace Cheyene
Big Soldier, Jr., Mr. Eugene Dwight
Big Soldier, Jr., Jacob
Bowlin, Kerilee Judith
Buck, Josephine Nell
Bureason, Destiny Lerae
Carson, April Loree
Carson, Ms. Samarra Colette
Clark, Brett Lassiter
Clark, Denise Susan
Clark, Dr. Mitchell Lucous
Clark, Mr. Christopher Campbell
Colchor, Danielle Ashley
Collins, Daisy Lee
Collins, Lee K.
Daugherty, Mr. Patrick Rosse
Deer Jr., Mr. Francis Richard
Deer, Ms. Myraclne Florine
Easley, Latasha Michaela
Easley, Ms. Stephanie Jean
Fields, Mrs. Marcia Louise
Franklin, Mrs. Lori Ann
Garcia, Mr. Douglas Patrick
Gashwazra, Mrs. Shelley Denise
Gaunt, Courtney Amber
Gaunt, Mr. Ryan Taylor
Gaunt, Ms. Velinda Coena
Gewhaga, Ms. Victoria Conception
Goodson, Mr. Donald Lee
Gouge, Deborah Ann
Harjo, Mrs. Sandra Lee
Harper, Mrs. Andree Louise
Holiday, Michelle Lynn
Howard, Sky Nicole
Howell, Mrs. Frankie Lynn
Huber, Timml Chante'
Huber, Emily Bernadette
Ivey, Mrs. Astriel Jean'a o
Ivey, Toni Renee
Jacobsen 1470297, Joshua James
Jacobsen, Jason Jarvis
Kent 09231-062, Maurice Prentice
Kent, Jr., Frank James
Iowa Tribe Oklahoma
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Kent, Patricia Alice
Kubecka, Charles August
Kubecka, William Valentine
Kurak, Janice Marie
Lincoln, Charles Walter
Lincoln, Caitlyn
Lincoln, Jr., Thomas
Lincoln, Thomas Wesley
Lincoln, Lisa Noreen
Lincoln, Will Rogers
Logan, Ruby Neil
Lopez, Tracee Lynn
May, Deanne Lynn
McClellan, Eagle Boy
McElroy, Alicia Dawn
McNeil, Judy Ann
McVay, Eric Lee
Miller, Robyn Kay
Miller-Brown, Elsie Joyce
Mishoseini, Ella Ruth
Mitchell, Brittany Dawn
Modlin, Christie Leu
Modlin, Dolly June
Modlin, Pamela June
Murray, Dana Rose
Murray, Donna Lamar
Murray, Franklin Joseph
Murray, Kirvin Alan
Murray, Sandra Sue
Mutteloka, Dustin John
Mutteloka, Jr., John Willie
Mutteloka, Solomon Nawanaway
Myers, Kelly Lynn
Myers, Lydia May
Myers, William Jack
Pershall, Kaysha Danielle
Pershall-Weekes, Delirdre Lynn
Phillips, Ashley Nicole
Phillips, Brandon Kant
Pierce-Canaday, Jessica Ambrille
Porkillia, Deanna Shawn
Poore, India Janet
Pratt, David Keith
Pratt, Gary Dean
Pratt, Randal Bruce
Prince, Lydia Renee
Robinson, Gayle
Robinson, Jr., Lance Lain
Robinson, Krystle Rose
Robinson, Leanna Gayle
Iowa Tribe Oklahoma
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Roubidoux, Victor Charles
Rowe 790323, Michael Eugene
Rowe, Celina Suginia
Rowe, Jack Charles
Rowe, Jr., Jimmy Wilburn
Rowe, Viento Joseph
Scheuer, Heather Lauren
Sharp, Dollee Sue
Shores, Irene Lavern
Shores, Judith Gwen
Shores, Leah Irene
Shores-Ocampo, Glenda Lee
Sine, Gabrielle Antoinette
Sine, Mae Florene
Sine, Rickford Ross
Small, Jr., Daniel Gray
Songer, Rita Ann
Springer, Mr. Thomas Leroy
Stewart, Anita Dean
Tall Bear, Alvin
Tall Bear, Floyd Michael
Tall Bear, II, Robert Richard
Tall Bear, Jennifer Marie
Tall Bear, Robert Richard
Tanyan, Leslie Lee
Tayrien, Christy Ann
Tiger, Emma Virginia
Tiger, Thomas Charles
Tsotaddle, Lea Mechelle
Twoguns, Donald Warren
Twoguns, Misty Marie
Twoguns, Thomas Daniel
Twoguns, Timothy Daniel
Villagomez, Balie Dae
Wahlinney, Iva Regina
Walkup, Philip Casey
Walkup, Rachel Lynn
Washington, Jr., Daniel Ray
Wellis, Timothy Harold
White, Chant Jamilla
White, Corbett Leon
White, III, Wallace Richard
Whitney, Glenna Sue
Wood, Erin C
Yellowfish, Lisa Ann
Young-Daugherty, Jackie Nell

Lincoln-Mauldin Billie, Carson, Phoebe
OFFICIAL BALLOT

CHAIRMAN, ELECTION BOARD
August 21, 2008

SHOULD ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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☐ YES, I vote to ratify the amendment.

☐ NO, I vote to reject the amendment.

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