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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Eastern Oklahoma
Through: ~~Acting~~ Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
From: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Subject: Delaware Tribe of Indians' Secretarial Election

We received the certified results of the Secretarial election held May 26, 2009, in which the Delaware Tribe of Indians voted to adopt a constitution reorganizing under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

The election was carried out properly in accordance with applicable Federal regulations and we accept the resulting adoption of the Tribe's constitution. As the ratification of the constitution was approved prior to the election, we will not provide an additional certificate of approval.

The election has the effect of restoring a direct Federal relationship with the Tribe consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement entered into with the Cherokee Nation on October 24, 2008. The Delaware Tribe of Indians will now be included in the next list of recognized tribal entities published in the *Federal Register*.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division of Tribal Government Services at (202) 513-7640.