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Honorable John Baldacci
Governor,
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Honorable Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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Honorable John Richardson
Speaker of the House
Maine State legislature

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
Maine House of Representatives
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Re: Penobscot Nation Representative to Legislature

Dear Governor, Secretary, Speaker and Clerk:

Since colonial times we have had a Representative to the Massachusetts's General Court and commencing in the 1820's in the Maine House of Representatives. In order to maintain that long governmental relationship, Penobscot Nation requires your assistance.

This is to notify you of the medical condition of our Penobscot Nation Representative Michael Sockalexis who had an accident while at the State House. He has taken the Oath of Office here as well as at the Legislature and at this time is unable to be physically present or capable of fully carrying-out his responsibilities at this time.

I, therefore, am appointing Ms. Donna Loring as an Interim Representative of the Penobscot Nation to the Maine State Legislature.

This appointment will remain until such time as Representative Sockalexis will assume his responsibilities. The Penobscot Nation Chief and Council having received reports on

Mr. Sockalexis's condition, base our decision on his medical condition and decided to place Ms Loring in this temporary capacity.

The Penobscot Nation will notify all parties should there be any changes to this interim appointment and our representative's health and capability.

We must further request that during this period that the Penobscot Nation Interim Representative be provided with the necessary support to carry-out the responsibilities of the Office and be treated with the respect of this Office as she has received over the past eight years.

Our decision is based on the need for Penobscot Nation to be aware of legislation that may potentially affect our future and our State-Tribal relations.

We thank you for your past cooperation and support and look forward to seeing you as the legislature continues through the tedious review process and legislative session.

May GheChe'Nawais be with all of us, always.

James G. Sappier
Chief

Linda Socoby
Tribal Clerk

Cc:

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Penobscot Nation Council
Senator Elizabeth Schneider
Representative Richard Blanchard
Penobscot Nation Representative Michael Sockalexis

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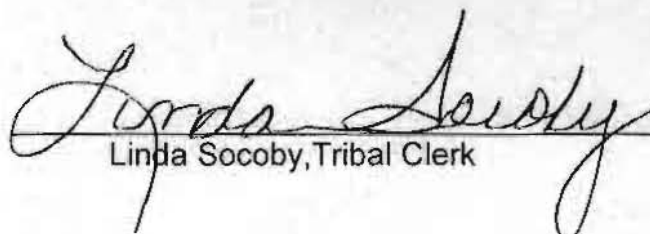
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-05-05-03
OF THE GOVERNING BODY, OF THE PENOBSCOT NATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Clerk of the Penobscot Indian Nation do hereby certify that a Monthly Council Meeting of the Chief and Tribal Council was held on the 05th day of January, 2005 at which time and acting throughout, James Sappier, Chief of the said Nation;

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Tribal Council voted to approve the temporary appointment of Donna Loring as Tribal Representative.

I further certify that I am the official custodian of certain records including the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation, a federally recognized and sovereign Indian Tribe duly organized and existing under the Laws of the United States, and that at the meeting there was present and acting throughout, a quorum authorized to transact business hereinafter described, and that the proceedings of said meeting were in accordance with the laws of said Nation, and that said resolutions have not been amended or revoked and are in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand as Tribal Clerk and have affixed the Tribal Seal on this day of January 10, 2005


Linda Socoby, Tribal Clerk