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OCCANEECHI BAND OF THE SAPONI NATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER

The OCCANEECHI BAND OF THE SAPONI NATION, AKA (OBSN) is a North Carolina State Recognized Indian Tribe (NC State Statue 71(A) legislation applied by the NC General Assembly). We are a Sovereign Tribal Government and 501c3 business entity headquartered in Alamance County, NC.

The OBSN has 2000 plus members on its current tribal rolls and is governed exclusively by an internal Tribal Council. The Tribe has designated constitutional rules and laws that strictly prohibit information being distributed for publication, use, personal gain, or political opinion in an official capacity or stance without official approval from the Tribe itself. The Tribe has designated spokespersons who are the only source of official information and positions on public issues.

It has recently come to our attention that media/press outlets are connecting the tribe and including our copyrighted name/brand to comments or causes by individual tribal members who don't have the authority to speak or tie the Tribe to either area. All our members have every right to protest personal matters that affect them and happen to be tribal members! But because they are identified as members, does not position or indicate the Official Tribal Stance(s) to their causes.

No individual Tribal Member's organization, company, or group can speak on behalf of the Tribe, and should not be published/reported to imply authorized tribal influence or majority implied association, by reporters and other media personnel. Without the official consent of the OBSN, we ask that the Occaneechi Tribal Brand not be used. The OBSN Tribe will protect ourselves and our members' privacy and plagiarism/slander rights if necessary.

The OBSN welcomes all inquiries from the Press/Media! We would like to strengthen our relationship with all information outlets, in the right way. Please contact the Tribal Office for questions, concerns, and inquiries. We will respond to your request, accordingly, once approved by our leadership. We owe it to our people and our community, to make sure that transparency, accountability, accuracy, and integrity are always applied to all.

Please go to OBSN.ORG for all our contact information. Thank you for your support in not supporting misinformation in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

W. A. (Tony) Hayes
Tribal Chairman