

Red Cliff Band Of Lake Superior Chippewas
"The Hub Of The Chippewa Nation"

RED CLIFF TRIBAL COUNCIL

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RE: Mixed Blood Utes

Gentlemen,

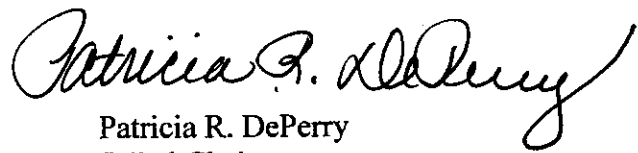
We are aware that the terminated "mixed-blood" Utes filed a federal action in the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, to seek a declaration that the Ute Partition Act is null and void. The dilemma faced by the terminated Utes in reaching justice to restore their federally-recognized status as members of the Uinta Band of Utes and to seek reparation for damages caused by the Bureau of Indian Affairs must be elevated to the status of an international human rights issue.

We strongly support their efforts to bring out the truth behind this dark chapter of American history. There is no reason why they remain the victims of a rejected federal policy, "termination" that singled them out because of their racial and ethnic status.

The terminated Utes want to have their "day in court" so the facts will be heard and the truth about the systematic destruction of their tribal culture and loss of their land to non-Indians and the Ute Tribe will be exposed to the world. We expect that the United States government will do everything possible to prevent this and avoid the type of inequity afflicted upon the Menominee Nation in our state. We urge you to learn about their plight and their lawsuit and do everything in your power to help correct this massive injustice that cannot be swept under the rug and forgotten.

Please do everything in your power to help correct this injustice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia R. DePerry". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia R. DePerry
Tribal Chairwoman

Cc: Tribal Council
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