



Dear Lumbee People,

The new year started off with the inauguration of seven tribal council members, five returning, two new, and myself to new terms. I was fortunate enough to run unopposed, allowing me to once again serve you with a new 3 year term as Chairman of our great Tribal Nation. Being Chairman is an opportunity of a lifetime and I have worked to give you my very best the past 3 years. We still have a lot to accomplish, but with the support of the tribal council, work from my amazing staff, and encouragement from our tribal citizens, we will continue down the path of progress and prosperity for future generations.

During my second inaugural address, I highlighted the "Focus 2035" theme. This initiative targets to look ten years down the road and begin planning for where our tribe will be by 2035. Some of the first plans include; a new Boys & Girls Club in Scotland County, building new communities for home-ownership, expanding our Lumbee Holdings to focus on economic development beyond federal contracting and to truly diversify our business portfolio. I only have 3 years left as Chairman, but my duty is to make sure the next person already has a strong plan for moving forward when they step into this position. I am excited about our future as a tribe and I am looking forward to my second term.

On President's Trump third full day in office, he signed an executive memo stating that it is now the official policy of the United States Government to make our full federal recognition a reality. President Trump's unprecedented memo provides our congressional representatives with direct support from the White House to have the Lumbee Fairness Act passed and sent to his desk. Every day, I am working on this issue, along with our friends and allies, and I will continue to do so until the journey is complete.

January 18th marked the 67th anniversary of the Lumbee pushing out the KKK during the Battle of Hayes Pond. Our Lumbee people stood firm on that cold January night and made sure that the racist KKK felt the power and might of our people. As Native people, we are very protective of our territory and our overall homeland and we will never let an outside force like the KKK terrorize us or make us feel inferior. Thank you to our Lumbee Warriors!

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Great Lumbee Nation. I love each of you very much.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lowery".

John L. Lowery
Chairman

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