



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Ms. Ann D. Tucker
278 Church Road
Bruce, Florida 32455

Dear Ms. Tucker:

The petition for Federal acknowledgment submitted by the Muscogee Nation of Florida (MNF), Petition #32, has been on suspension pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 83.31(a)(1) in light of competing, time-sensitive priorities in the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA). Under § 83.31(b)(1), this letter is to notify MNF that the Department of the Interior (Department) is lifting the suspension on Friday, October 27, 2023, and will resume review of MNF's documented petition.

With the lifting of the suspension and pursuant to § 83.31(b)(2), OFA will have six months to issue a Phase I Proposed Finding, on or before Wednesday, April 24, 2024. The OFA research team assigned to conduct the review of the documented petition and any additional materials that MNF submitted in its response to the Phase I technical assistance review includes: Cultural Anthropologist Wendi-Starr Brown, Genealogist Michael Hait, and Historian Francis Flavin. These OFA staff members are under the supervision of Acting Director Stephanie Sfiridis.

The OFA looks forward to continuing to work with MNF during this process. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out in writing at Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4071 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, by phone at (202) 513-7658, or via email at Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: § 83.22(d) parties