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Preserving Identity: Catawba Nation Issues Cease and Desist Letters

ROCK HILL, SC- The Catawba Nation has taken decisive action to protect its cultural heritage and sovereign identity by issuing Cease and Desist Letters to individuals and groups falsely claiming affiliation with the Tribe. These measures follow concerns over misrepresentation and confusion surrounding Catawba heritage.

One of the recipients, Linda Black Elk, has publicly asserted Catawba ancestry, prompting the Catawba Nation to clarify that citizenship and recognition are governed by specific Tribal and federal criteria. The Cease and Desist Letter aims to delineate the boundaries of Tribal affiliation and correct any misinformation regarding the Tribe's identity.

Similarly, a second Cease and Desist Letter was sent to the New River Catawba, a group in North Carolina asserting to be Catawba. The Catawba Nation emphasizes its status as the sole federally recognized representative of Catawba people, emphasizing the importance of legal recognition in tribal affairs. The Catawba Nation underscores that citizenship entails a profound connection to ancestral lands, adherence to tribal laws, and recognition by governing authorities. The issuance of these letters serves as a reminder for the public to seek accurate information from official sources regarding Catawba identity and affiliation.

Looking ahead, the Catawba Nation reaffirms its commitment to upholding sovereignty and preserving cultural heritage. It urges all parties to respect these principles and refrain from misrepresenting Catawba identity in any form.

For the latest updates and official information regarding the Catawba Nation, individuals are encouraged to visit the Tribe's website at www.catawba.com.

About Catawba Nation: The Catawba Nation is the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina. With a rich cultural heritage and ancestral roots in the Southeastern United States, the Catawba Nation is dedicated to preserving its traditions, promoting the well-being of its citizens, and maintaining its sovereign status.

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