

## Statement on Official Language

By decree of the Legislative Council of Tribal Chieftains on 2 August 2008 and with agreement by the Executive Council of Tribal Chieftains and constitutionality confirmed by the Judicial Council of Tribal Chieftains, The Government of the Native American Tribal Republic of Timucua hereby declares it's official language for all Government Affairs shall be **English in the American Vernacular**.

**Whereas:** Our native language has been lost for over 200 years as a spoken language. It is needed to have an easily understandable language.

**Whereas:** English of the American Vernacular is a widely understood language with our surrounding neighbors and ranks as the lingua franca of the business world. It is in our best interest to have a language that we can easily communicate with our neighboring nations as well as with the imposed powers of North America.

**Whereas:** American English is a language that many of our Native American brothers and sisters have learned either by choice or compulsion in their educational careers it is easily understood by most of them.

For the above listed reasons it is passed with unanimous consent and with the approval of the Executive Council and Judicial Council that it is within accordance of the Constitutionality of The Native American Tribal Republic of Timucua that the Legislative Council has agreed that American English shall be the official language of the nation. We will continue to research remaining sources on the Timucua Language and hope to in the future resurrect it to its rightful place as our official language along with American English.

Signed for the Legislative Council

*Au Na Erna M. Deere*

Signed for the Judicial Council

*Eta Na Cheryl ODyer*

Signed for the Executive Council

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