

June 30, 2016

TO: New Isleta Tribal Members (formerly known as Descendants, having 1/4 to 3/8 Isleta Indian blood) applying for enrollment on Isleta Tribal Roll

FROM: Task Force for Membership

RE: **ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP**

We want to keep you informed about the application process for tribal enrollment ratified by the secretarial election and the newly amended tribal enrollment ordinance. The “priority period” has begun and you must apply TODAY!

FOR REGISTERED DESCENDANTS (those who have a D number):

- 1) Fill out the **Descendant Application for Tribal Membership form – DO NOT** sign the form except in the presence of a Notary Public. Some staff at the Tribal Census/Enrollment Office can notarize the form.
- 2) You can call the Enrollment Office to find out what documents are needed in your file at 869-9766.
- 3) Take the notarized application form to the Enrollment Office or mail it in.
- 4) The Enrollment Office will check your file to see if it is complete. A completed file is one that has:
 - **A copy of your birth certificate**
 - **A copy of your social security card**
 - **Family Tree**
 - **Notarized application**
- 5) The Enrollment Office has 60 days to complete the enrollment process, once it receives your application and all required supporting documents described above, per the tribal enrollment ordinance.
- 6) The Enrollment Office will issue an “I” number after the Tribal Council approves it by resolution. You will be able to obtain a tribal ID at the Enrollment Office after you receive a notification of your membership approval via certified mail.

FOR REGISTERED DESCENDANTS WITH DUAL TRIBAL AFFILIATION (with Indian blood from other Tribes)

If you have Indian blood from any other Tribe, you must provide proof that you are not enrolled with those applicable tribe(s). The amended tribal enrollment ordinance states that Applicants have the option of securing a certified letter from the other tribe, on that tribe’s letterhead, stating that the Applicant is not enrolled in that tribe(s). It is important to start this request NOW! You may need to discuss your enrollment with the Enrollment Office staff, because there may be special circumstances that apply to your enrollment in Isleta.

As always, we are diligently working towards the completion of this process and we are available to discuss issues regarding enrollment with you, should the need arise. You may call Terry Lente @ 730-7808 or Joanne Rael at 379-7252. Our Attorney, Helen Padilla, is still providing the much needed legal advice to us.

We thank you for your support and will keep you informed as this process moves forward.