



**The Modoc Nation (formerly known as the “Modoc Tribe”), a federally recognized native nation by virtue of the Lakes Treaty of 1864 and the Klamath Tribe Restoration Act of 1986**

We can no longer tolerate outright refusal of protecting our best interest. If the current conditions were to continue the outright extermination of our people would be complete. Our Ancestral land and water rights will be non-existent and we will be unable to hunt fish and gather as we have always done since time immemorial. We have always been the Modoc Tribe of Northern California and Southern Oregon. We have always been a separate tribe, we were never a band of the Klamath’s and we have never relinquished our Federal Recognition. Our Tribe existed long before there was a California or Oregon.

Our tribe is a Federally Recognized Tribe, instead of taking things out of context and stating we are not separate from the Klamath Tribe. (Although the short terminology refers to the Klamath Tribe or Tribes, the long definition has always stated 3 separate tribes in all treaties).

There is the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma, who was forced there not by choice and chose to stay rather than be forced to live with the Klamath tribe. There are Modocs enrolled in the Klamath Tribe(s) as “Klamath”, since the Klamath tribe refuses to acknowledge the Modoc tribe (except when there is financial gain by using our name). We represent all Modoc people of Northern California and Southern Oregon who are enrolled in The Modoc Nation as “Modoc” as we are the Modoc Tribe who have existed in our Ancestral Homelands for over fourteen thousand years or more.

Although we have exercised our rights to sovereignty and self-determination as a federally recognized tribe to protect our rights to be a Tribe by ratifying and adopting our own Constitution forming our own Government on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2010; We have not forfeited our Federal Recognition nor given up any rights and still wish Government to Government Relations with The Federal Government of The United States. Our rights, homelands, distinct culture, beliefs, protection, and well-being was and has not being represented or protected within the Klamath Tribes.

We, The Modoc Nation believe that there was terrible crimes committed against our people by the very Government who stated they would protect us. Our leader Kintpaush (Captain Jack) was told we could have our own Reservation in California. This never happened and he and our people were hung for trying to save our way of life. In the end he even stated he would take the land at the Lava beds and that was refused. We believe Senate Resolution 12 is a start in the right direction. However it would go a long ways to give us some of our land back that was wrongfully taken and to be Recognized as the Nation we have become.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Jefferson Greywolf-Kelley".

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