



# Shinnecock Indian Nation

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**Statement from the Shinnecock Nation Board of Trustees  
Randy King, Chairman  
Trustee Lance Gumbs, and Trustee Fred Bess  
on Judge Bianco's Ruling**

This ruling only delays the inevitable: we remain confident that we will be placed on the list of federally recognized tribes one way or another. While we intend to appeal at our first opportunity, we remain willing to work with local, state and federal officials on a solution that provides long term benefits for the Nation and our neighbors.

This is just one more obstacle that the Shinnecock Indian Nation, which has had a social and cultural presence for thousands of years on the eastern end of Long Island, will have to overcome. However, we will succeed because we will never back down in our fight to provide justice and economic opportunity for our people.