

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 149

4  
5 By: Senator Madison  
6 By: Representatives Judy, Edwards

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTHERN CHEROKEE TRIBE  
11 OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS AS A STATE RECOGNIZED  
12 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTHERN  
16 CHEROKEE TRIBE OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS  
17 AS A STATE RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN  
18 TRIBE.

21 E IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) The people of the Northern Cherokee Tribe of Missouri and Arkansas  
25 are descendents of the original Cherokee Nation and settled in the states of  
26 Arkansas and Missouri rather than in Indian Territory;

27 (2) The Northern Cherokee Tribe of Missouri and Arkansas has continued  
28 a form of tribal government for the past one hundred forty (140) years and in  
29 1979 wrote a constitution and by-laws creating, beginning in 1982, a new and  
30 working tribal organization in Arkansas and Missouri; and

31 (3) Recognition of the Northern Cherokee Tribe of Missouri and  
32 Arkansas confers benefits upon the Northern Cherokee people that include  
33 recognizing Northern Cherokee artists as Native American artists under the  
34 Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 106-497) and providing  
35 access to scholarships for Native American youth.



1           SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly recognizes the Northern Cherokee  
2 Tribe of Missouri and Arkansas as an American Indian Tribe.

3           (b) This recognition does not:

4                   (1) Authorize the establishment of any tribal casinos or gaming  
5 of any kind;

6                   (2) Authorize the establishment of any smoke shops of any kind;  
7 or

8                   (3) Give the tribe as an organization any additional rights or  
9 powers other than those contained in the Arkansas Constitution.

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