

**(1) Letter of Intent**

**- April 16, 1980**

NIPMUC TRIBAL COUNCIL  
HASSANAMISCO RESERVATION  
GRAFTON, MASS. 01519

16, April, 1980.

Mr. John Shapard, Project Leader,  
Federal Acknowledgment Project,  
U.S. Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
1951, Constitution Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20245.

Dear Mr. Shapard:

On behalf of the Nipmuc Tribal Council, Hassanamisco Reservation, Grafton, Massachusetts, we wish to give notice of our intention to file a Petition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs seeking recognition as an American Indian tribe.

This action has been approved by the Nipmuc Tribal Council, an elected body which acts on behalf of the Nipmuc Indian people.

The immediate direction of research for the Petition is under Dr. Stephen J. Reno, acting in association with the Tribal Council.

We anticipate the Petition will be presented sometime in the Summer of this year.

Yours sincerely,

*Zara Cisco Brough*  
Zara Cisco Brough,  
Chairman,  
Nipmuc Tribal Council.

*Lois Wilcox*  
Lois Wilcox,  
Acting Secretary,  
Nipmuc Tribal Council.

*Ann Mays*  
Ann Mays,  
Recording Secretary,  
Nipmuc Tribal Council.