



Fwd: Monacan Nation request for support in Protecting Remains

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Dear Chief Branham,

This is to verify that the ACET Board unanimously voted to support the Monacan Indian Nation in its fight to protect its sacred sites and ancestral remains. The following was submitted through the online comment portal...

The Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes (ACET) is a regional treaty organization of tribal governments on the eastern and southern seacoast of the United States.

ACET stands with the Monacan Indian Nation in affirming that its sacred places and the remains of its ancestors must be protected. Human remains, the bones of Monacan ancestors, have been found multiple times at the Rassawek site. The section 106 process has been disregarded by JRWA in order to ignore the concerns of the tribes. It has been reported to ACET that some sites have already been disturbed. This is a violation of the Monacan right to prior, free, informed consent through official consultation. ACET calls on the JRWA, the government of the State of Virginia, and the federal government to ensure that proper procedures are in place to protect the Monacan Indian Nation's rights in this matter.

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Grace and Peace,

Rev. John Norwood, PhD (Nanticoke-Lenape)

General Secretary

