

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT & SIGNING PETITION

These instructions are very simple, but please follow accordingly.

In order to be eligible to sign your name to the Petition you will have to remember to always use your “terminated roll number”. This is how everyone will be identified!!

Meaning if you are the Son or Daughter of an Original Terminated Mixed-Blood Uinta Band of the Ute Indian Tribe, you need to state your name (if married write your maiden name in) the date and if you are an Original, or descendent of Roll Number. (Birth Certificates could be requested at a later date)

If you have an “original terminated” Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, etc. that is deceased and you are eligible to sign for them you may sign their names along with their roll numbers indicating that they are deceased, along with your name.

Fill out your address.

If there is more than “one” person in you family, please just use one Petition for all family members of that terminated roll number.

If you don't have enough pages, remove the back page copy it and add as many pages to the petition for all family members of that roll number.

If you need more petitions you can obtain them from: Mixed Blood Uintas, P.O. Box 465, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026

You will also need to get the petition, filled out and have it mailed back to the above address BEFORE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.

**Remember: only “terminated” mixed blood members of the Ute Indian Tribe, their descendents, or heirs of a terminated Mixed-Blood is eligible to fill the petition.**

**Also remember: this petition will be submitted to the appropriate congressional departments, and we cannot guarantee if it will be accepted.**

# PETITION

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**TITLE: REPEAL OR COMPLETION OF PUBLIC LAW 671, 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, The Uinta Valley Reservation was created by Executive Order of President Lincoln on October 3, 1861 and the order was further confirmed by an **“Act of Congress on May 5, 1864, when Congress set apart the Uinta Valley for the permanent, exclusive occupation by the “Uinta Band”;** and

**WHEREAS**, In 1880 the Whiteriver Band and the Uncompahgre Utes were brought under military escort to Utah where they resided on the Uinta Valley Reservation with members of the Uinta Band who, from the beginning, maintained a distinctly different culture and lifestyle from the other two band; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1937, the three bands adopted a Constitution pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act, under confederation known as the “Ute Indian Tribe of the Uinta and Ouray Reservation”; and

**WHEREAS**, In the early 1950’s Arthur Watkins, a U.S. Senator from Utah began to force the federal policy of **“Termination”** on tribes nationwide through various questionable tactics and other forms of unethical and unconscionable coercion; and

**WHEREAS**, Sen. Watkins was able to gain, through unscrupulous means, the enactment of six termination laws during the 1954 Congressional session, that targeted the **Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, the Klamath Indians of Oregon, four Paiute Bands in Utah, the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, the Uinta and Ouray Indians of Utah for Termination of their Federally-Recognized relationship with the United States;** and

**WHEREAS**, on August 27, 1954, Congress enacted the **“Ute Partition Act” (UPA), publ. No 671, 68 Stat. 868 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C...677-677a (1982) for the purpose of termination all three bands: “meaning the whole Ute Indian Tribe of Utah;** and

**WHEREAS**, only the Terminated Uinta Band of Ute Indians were Terminated, based on racial blood quantum’s of less than one half. This effected 490 Uinta Ute’s both adult and children and approx. twelve hundred full blood Ute’s (approx. 260 of the terminated 490 were “minor children.”) This comprised the “whole” Ute Indian Tribe. Within a five to ten year period the rest of the Ute Indian Tribe was to be terminated. This never happened and the non terminated Ute Tribal members continue to enroll their descendents.

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 1970 President Richard M. Nixon sent a formal message to the U.S. Congress renouncing the federal policy of termination and calling upon Congress to take formal action to repudiate this policy that had devastating, social and economic effects on many Tribes and their members; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the Tribes subjected to Acts of Congress in 1954 that resulted in the **Termination** of their relationship with the United States, have been restored to federally recognized status **“except for the Terminated Uinta Band” thus leaving a “whole” Ute Tribe with one fourth of its members Terminated and three fourths of its members still Federally Recognized.**

**WHEREAS**, in its October 1976 Final Report of the ***“American Indian Policy Review Commission, Task Force Ten empowered by Congress to study and make recommendations on Terminated and non federally recognized Indians, described “a Tribe ravaged and divided by “termination,” a “Recognized Ute Tribe subjugated to an Impending “Termination” and to further aggravate matters, a reservation “rich in vital Natural resources, such as “natural gas, minerals and water,”*** and

**WHEREAS**, ***“Task Force Ten recommended “further and immediate investigation by the General Accounting Office into the situation on the “Uinta and Ouray Reservation, involving “BIA mismanagement of “trust assets,” and “unethical, illegal BIA Administration actions throughout each phase of the “termination process”;*** and

**WHEREAS**, We the Terminated Uinta Band Members of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uinta and Ouray Reservation and our Descendents ask that the United States Congress support the Repeal of the Terminated Uinta Band to its original status as a “Separate and Recognized Tribe” which will complete the last remaining Federal “Termination” Law that has served to the benefit of “non-Indian Ute Distribution Stockholders such as the Piper Corporation, the Wayne Hummer Corporation and many individual non-Indian UDC stockholders. The Ute Indian Tribe also holds possession to a massive amount of the Terminated Uinta Bands stock shares, mineral assets, water etc, and,

**WHEREAS**, We the Terminated Uinta’s demand that all Federally Recognized programs and services be restored immediately to us and our Descendents, such as 1) Medical and Dental 2) Educational 3) Housing 4) Jobs 5) All Assets 6) Lands 7) Water 8) Timber 9) Hunting & Fishing to all of our people 10) Trust IIM Accounts held in Washington D.C. be released and paid to the Original Terminated 490 that was taken during the Termination Era 11) all Lands that was given illegally back to the Ute Indian Tribe and non members, such as the 172,000 acres in Rockcreek and Anthro, Individual lands such as the 3,200 acres of strawberry lands that was taken illegally, House Lots, Allotments and Ute Distribution Stock Shares that was issued to each original terminated 490 be restored to their original owners and heirs and other terminated Uinta’s assets on known, and 12) Enrollment of all our Descendents.

**WHEREAS**, The Terminated Uinta's have lived with and been held hostage to a Law the Congress Created and Breathed Life into for a whole Tribe for the past 54 plus years. It is because of the nonsupport of our own State Officials, our elected Senators and Congressmen, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Government Officials, National Congress of American Indians and others to help us repeal the Racist Law that has violated every aspect of Human Rights Violations that we ask you to stand up and support us be repealing Public Law 671, 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress.

We call upon you to take all and every necessary steps to join with us and other Representatives and enact Legislation that calls for all "Tribal Rights" to all Terminated Uinta's and their Descendents that were interrupted and affected 54 plus years ago, to be "**Restored Immediately**" and,

**WHEREAS**, if this request is not acted upon and dealt with immediately the only other course to eliminate the racist P.L. that has been on the books of Congress for the last 54 years is to call for the *"Immediate Termination of the "Full Blood Ute Indian Tribe of Utah," only then will this law be completed and wiped off the books of Congress." This issue addresses the "Heart and Soul" of everything our Nation Stands for. We are old and have "lost" 54 years of our lives because of the United States Government and the United States Congress experiment that they labled as "Termination." Its time you give us and our Children back our lives. You cannot continue to let this injustice to American Indians continue by taking a whole tribe, the Ute Indian Tribe and Terminating one fourth of that tribe and "leaving the other "three fourths to be federally recognized" when P.L. 671 asked for the termination of the "whole" Ute Tribe. 'The continuing failure of the United States to enact legislation to repeal P.L. 671 et seg, while increasing numbers of the original terminated Uinta Band dies', imposes circumstances of "extraordinary emergency nature that is National in scope", due to the need to wipe out any remaining "Termination Law" while those effected by its provisions are "alive",*

**WHEREAS**, We ask that *"the Ute Partition Act" (UPA P.L. 671, 68 stat 868 codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. 677-677a 1982) that was created by Congress for the purpose of Termination of the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah must, either be "REPEALED" and the restoration of federal recognized individual "Indian status" be restored to those members of the Uinta Band who were Terminated by this Racist Act of Congress and their descendents be recognized, or the rest of the Ute Indian Tribe must be "TERMINATED." The Terminated Uinta Band does not want be be reinstated with the Ute Indian Tribe, but want to be Federally Recognized and what was legally ours restored, and*

**WHEREAS**, We ask that the above be carried out immediately. These Petitions will be signed by the Original 490, their Descendents and Heirs of an original 490 that is deceased as we do not and will not forget our Ancestors who has died because of Termination.

Descendents will be Identified by their Parents, Grandparents, Great Grandparents roll numbers. After the completion of this petition it will be sent to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Congressional Members, Senators, Indian Tribes, Organizations who are in support of this Repeal and posted in local Pagets etc.

**(Please state Original 490 or Descendent, Heir. Parents may sign for a Minor Child.)**

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