<u>For Immediate Release</u> May 18, 2001

A statement from Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

I am opposed to the application for initial reservation in Tishomingo County submitted by the Jena Choctaw Tribe from Louisiana. I will write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior and our congressional delegation to encourage the denial of this application, and will use every resource available, within the law, to stop this effort.

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