

REPORT OF THE

**COMMISSION ON UPDATING VIRGINIA
LAW TO REFLECT FEDERAL
RECOGNITION OF VIRGINIA TRIBES**

**TO THE GOVERNOR AND
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following executive summary serves as the 2022 Annual Report of the Commission on Updating Virginia Law to Reflect Federal Recognition of Virginia Tribes.

The Commission on Updating Virginia Law to Reflect Federal Recognition of Virginia Tribes (the Commission) was established in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of performing a comprehensive review of Virginia law to assess ways in which it must be revised to reflect the government-to-government relationship the Commonwealth should maintain, by treaty and applicable federal law, with the sovereign, self-governing, federally recognized Tribal Nations located within the present-day external boundaries of the Commonwealth. The Commission did not meet in 2022.

Additional information about the Commission's activities is available through its website at <https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/628>.

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