

A RESOLUTION NAMING CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a resolution naming delegates to the National Congress of American Indians to represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Chief has the power to "establish and appoint committees, members and delegates to represent the Choctaw Nation with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council";

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is a Member in Good Standing of the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI") and therefore the Governing Body of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma may name individual Tribal Members to serve as Delegates on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to NCAI;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates John Hobbs, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Senior Executive Officer of Communications, as the Nation's Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates Sara Jane Smallwood-Cocke, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Senior Government Affairs Strategist, as the Nation's Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton also nominates Megan Jones, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Senior Government Affairs Strategist, as the Nation's Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma supports efforts to build and grow the Nation's relationship with NCAI and its other Member Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the designation of the above-named individuals as Delegate and Alternate Delegates and instructs them to be Individual Members in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their roles as Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to designate John Hobbs as Delegate, Sara Jane Smallwood-Cocke as Alternate Delegate and also Megan Jones as Alternate Delegate and instructs them to be Individual Members in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their roles as Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference.


CERTIFICATION

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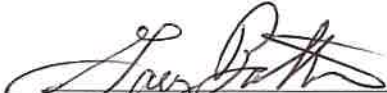
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on May 11, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 19 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5-16-24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this resolution is to name delegates to have a voting role and responsibility on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma at the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference. These nominations are important to determine tribal unity and tribal political goals across Indian Country. It gives the Nation a voice nationwide in the room with every Tribal Nation and will also fulfill the Nation's strategic goal of protecting and promoting tribal sovereignty by placing Choctaw Tribal Members and Choctaw Nation leaders in political positions. This Council Bill is recommended for review by the following Standing Committees of the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council: **Member Services Committee; Governance Committee.**

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Agency: Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: John Hobbs, SEO Communications