



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Room 372
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. Review and take possible action adopting the October 17, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

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- 6.2. Review and take possible action adopting a letter to the LA County Homelessness Initiative with recommendations on how to optimize the continued work on AIAN homelessness
- 6.3. Review and take possible action adopting a letter to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Recommending that they support the seating of the Cherokee Nation's delegate to the United States House of Representatives per the 1835 Treaty of New Echota

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1. Discuss proposed LANAIC Bylaws revision that would change the number of required annual meetings from 12 to 11
- 7.2. Discuss potential issues including links on the LANAIC website to websites of tribes named in the County Land Acknowledgment

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 8.1 Proposed Internal LANAIC Communication Protocols
- 8.2 Status update of development of LANAIC Internal Calendar

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 Board Motion: *Proclaiming November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month and Investing in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities (November 7, 2023)*
- 9.2 Yaangna Park Sign Unveiling Event (November 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM)

10. COMMITTEE & AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1 Self Governance Board
- 10.2 Executive Committee
- 10.3 Homelessness Committee
- 10.4 2023 Native American Heritage Month Ad-hoc Committee
- 10.5 Governance Ad-hoc Committee
- 10.6 2023 Arts & Culture Ad-hoc Committee

11. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The October 17, 2023, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was held at the County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration, Sybil Brand Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M and read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

Invocation

Commissioner Denise Escoto provided an invocation.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Cheri Thomas
Vice Chairperson Chrissie Castro (Just Cause)
Secretary Rene' Williams
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog
Denise Escoto
Andrea Garcia
Dawn Jackson
Mona Morales Recalde
Mark Villasenor
Audra Wise
Ted Tenorio

Absent: John Only A Chief (Excused)
Rich Toyon
Rudy Ortega Jr. (Excused)

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director
Stephanie Guadron, Administrative Manager

Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners provided brief introductions including their names, appointing office and tribal affiliation.

Public Comment

None



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Action Items

Review & approval of the Unapproved September 19, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Mark Villasenor to approve the unapproved September 19, 2023 LANAIC Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Thomas, Garcia, Jackson, Morales Recalde, Villasenor, Wise, Williams, Imitates Dog, Tenorio, Escoto
NO	
ABSTAIN	Castro
ABSENT	Only a Chief, Ortega, Toyon

Review & take possible action adopting the draft FY 24-25 Budget Request Letter to the Board of Supervisors

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Villasenor and seconded by Commissioner Andrea Garcia to approve the draft FY 24-25 Budget Request Letter to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed.

YES	Thomas, Garcia, Jackson, Morales Recalde, Villasenor, Wise, Williams, Imitates Dog, Tenorio, Escoto, Castro
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Only a Chief, Ortega, Toyon



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Review & take possible action adopting the draft FY 24-25 Budget Request Letter to Mayor Karen Bass

A motion was made by Commissioner Rene’ Williams and seconded by Commissioner Denise Escoto to approve adopting the FY 24-25 Budget Request Letter to Mayor Karen Bass. The motion passed.

YES	Thomas, Garcia, Jackson, Morales Recalde, Villasenor, Wise, Williams, Imitates Dog, Escoto, Castro, Tenorio
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Only A Chief, Ortega, Toyon

Review & take possible action selecting the 2024/2025 Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Votes were taken by ballots and tallied as shown in the table below. Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog received the majority votes and was named Chair. Commissioner Mark Villasenor and Commissioner Andrea Garcia tied for Vice Chair; Commissioner Andrea Garcia conceded her nomination and Commissioner Mark Villasenor was named Vice Chair. Commissioner Audra Wise and Commissioner Rene’ Williams tied for Secretary; Commissioner Rene’ Williams conceded her nomination and Commissioner Audra Wise was named Secretary. Commissioner Denise Escoto received the majority votes and was named Treasurer. Ballots are available for review via email request to admin@lanaic.lacounty.gov.

Chair	Votes	Vice Chair	Votes	Secretary	Votes	Treasurer	Votes
Chrissie Castro	3	Chrissie Castro	1	Dawn Jackson	3	Denise Escoto	6
Dr. Andrea Garcia	X	Dr. Andrea Garcia (Conceded)	4	Cheri Thomas		John Only A Chief	3
Shawn Imitates Dog	7	Rene Williams	0	Rene Williams (Conceded)	4	Cheri Thomas	0
Rudy Ortega Jr.	1	Mona Morales Recalde	2	Audra Wise	4	Rich Toyon	2
Cheri Thomas	0	Mark Villasenor	4			Mark Villasenor	



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Mark Villaseñor	0						
Rene Williams	0						

Review & take possible action adopting the “Advancing Indigenous Housing Rights in Los Angeles: International Best Practice and a Legal Framework” report

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Villaseñor and seconded by Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog to adopt the “Advancing Indigenous Housing Rights in Los Angeles: International Best Practice and a Legal Framework” report with recommended edits made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia.

YES	Thomas, Garcia, Jackson, Morales Recalde, Villaseñor, Wise, Williams, Imitates Dog, Escoto, Castro, Tenorio
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Only A Chief, Ortega, Toyon

Review & take possible action adopting a letter to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors recommending that they support the seating of the Cherokee Nation’s delegate to the United States House of Representatives per the 1835 Treaty of New Echota

The Chairperson tabled this item due to not receiving requested supporting documents.

YES	N/A
NO	N/A
ABSTAIN	N/A
ABSENT	N/A

Discussion Items

Review and discuss 2023 American Indian and Alaska Native Homeless Count Data

Commissioner Andrea Garcia stated that LAHSA only counted 723 Native persons experiencing homelessness; updating the definition would make the number reflect up to approximately 2700. She also stated that the homelessness rate has increased by over 40% this year, family homelessness has increased, veteran homelessness has increased – despite Veteran Affairs efforts, chronic homelessness has increased, homelessness for all age groups has increased, 25% of the homeless population have mental health barriers and 19% of persons experiencing homelessness also struggle with substance abuse.



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Commissioner Garcia stated that different organizations gather data in different ways. Commissioner Williams stated that we should explain the methodology that was used when the information is released and posted on the LANAIC website.

Discuss how the LANAIC responds to incoming inquiries regarding local tribes

Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde stated that she had two different people state that they came to the LANAIC to look for local tribes and that she suggested putting something on the website to the Native American Heritage Commission. Commissioner Mark Villasenor stated that not all tribes select to be on the Native American Heritage Commission list and that could exclude all sorts of folks. Commissioner Morales Recalde stated that she thinks that LANAIC should not be in the position of saying who is a tribe. Commissioner Villasenor stated that we have identified tribes in the land acknowledgement. Alexandra stated that the LANAIC website could potentially add a tab for the land acknowledgement, and we could ask the tribes listed on it if they would like their name to hyperlink to their local tribe websites. Commissioner Morales Recalde asked if the LANAIC “would be able to add language so that folks know to click on the links and add the link to Native American Heritage Committee.” Staff reiterated that they possess limited website development skills and experience and will assess if they are able to make this change or if they can utilize any County support.

Chair's Report

Communication protocols between Commissioners and the Chair and Commissioners and the Executive Director

Chair Thomas shared about the importance of adopting internal communications protocols so that commissioners know when to communicate with the Chair versus the Executive Director. Stephanie shared she would draft a process document for the body to discuss at the November 21, 2023 meeting.

October 6, 2023 LA City Council Motion to Codify and Fund the LANAIC

Alexandra stated that the LA City Council motion to Codify and Fund the LANAIC was introduced by Councilmember Hernandez at City Council on Friday, October 6, 2023 and that the motion has not been adopted yet.

Chairperson Cheri Thomas stated that she is looking to start a committee in late November/early December to support this motion to keep momentum because the LANAIC knows what it wants as an outcome and that the committee would sunset as soon as the process is finished.

Alexandra stated that it is very early days in the process and that she would keep an eye on the motion. She also stated that the motion is currently being scheduled for a City committee meeting.

Commissioner Chrissie Castro stated that if the LANAIC finds out the date/time of the committee meeting commissioners could mobilize community for public comment. She also stated that she would like to take a lead role and get folks out for support.



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Alexandra stated that she will reach out to the lead from Councilmember Hernandez's Office so that they could provide ongoing updates.

Commissioner Castro stated that she would like to get an introductory meeting to get the idea of the timeline, process and how to be involved. She also stated that it's ok for commissioners to wear their different hats, but they must be clear about it. Commissioner Castro shared that the City needs to see that there is support community-wide and that the LANAIC needs to build a case for why – it's not just increasing for the right thing to do, but because of the impact that it would do for specific outcomes.

Executive Director's Report

September 26, 2023 Feather Alert Town Hall Recap

Alexandra stated that there was a good turnout for the event, there was law enforcement present, and the information was well received. Chairperson Cheri Thomas stated thanks to all who made the drive to the event. Commissioner Denise Escoto stated that she would like to see the Feather Alert become a Federal alert and that she did not see law enforcement there from the community that she works with. Alexandra reminded the body that they can advocate to the Board to take a supportive position supporting a Federal Feather Alert through the County's Federal Legislative agenda.

Indigenous Pride LA Update

Alexandra stated that the event was cancelled, and that Indigenous Pride LA (IPLA) looking to reschedule for the Spring. She also stated that staff would work with IPLA to see if there is possibility to support their event if it is rescheduled.

Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde asked if the money that was going to be used to support IPLA could be reallocated for website funding. Alexandra stated that reallocating the one time County Equity funds cannot be used for this purpose.

AB 776 Update

Alexandra shared that Governor Newsom signed AB 776 into law and as a result the 210 Freeway in LA County will be renamed the Southern California Native American Freeway. Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde stated that it's a start for the County and she hopes to get it State-wide.

FY 22-23 LA County Budget Update

Alexandra shared that the Board of Supervisors approved funding during Supplemental Budget for a consultant to develop a countywide tribal consent and consultation policy.



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Committee & Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Self-Governance Board

Alexandra stated that the CSAIBG program solicitation is still currently underway and active.

Executive Committee

None

Homelessness Committee

Commissioner Andrea Garcia stated that the next committee meeting will be held on October 27, 2023.

2023 Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage Month Ad-hoc Committee

Alexandra stated that all commissioners should be receiving formal invites this week with logistic information for the Native American Heritage Month event at LA City Hall from Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. She also stated that the parking lot is the same as the lot used for Indigenous People's Day.

Governance Ad-hoc Committee

None

2023 Arts & Culture Ad-hoc Committee

None

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Audra Wise stated that there is a statue of Junipero Serra at the State capitol building and would like to know if the commission has ever asked for it to be removed. Vice Chair Castro stated that the Department of Arts and Culture was supposed to do an audit of all statues in Los Angeles County back in 2018-19 and asked if there is an update for how that process went. Alexandra shared should we make that request to Department leadership.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Dawn Jackson stated that the City of Burbank presented a proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of October 17, 2023 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 8:19 PM.



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ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director

November 21, 2023

Los Angeles County Homelessness Initiative
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St., Room 493
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Los Angeles County Homelessness Initiative,

We appreciate our partnership to date and the willingness to continue to move the important work addressing American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) homelessness forward. It sounds like the desire is to see how the transition goes from the consultant to Homelessness Initiative staff members. Here are a few insights/requests that we believe could be helpful in optimizing the work:

- The original board motion set up a system where the consultant would report both to CEO HI and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC). We believe regular continued engagement with the LANAIC would be mutually beneficial and support ongoing meaningful relationships
- We further recommend continued engagement with relevant AIAN stakeholders in this space (e.g. the emergent AIAN Housing Collaborative and beyond)
- Given the unique political status and other nuances of this diverse group, we highly encourage that relevant staff undergo
 - Foundational trainings on AIAN
 - Attend relevant tribal housing conferences (with urban AIAN tracks)
 - Complete site visits in other COCs with AIAN culturally supportive housing
 - Become familiar with the body of work that the LANAIC is conducting that intersects with this work (e.g. Harms Report, Tribal consent and consultation policy, etc.)
 - Any trainings or consultation that can provide an appreciation of AIAN specific statewide or Federal housing opportunities. This includes seeking out technical assistance, where possible.
- Although relevant to the presumed recommendations and action plan, a deep understanding of the following seem pertinent: a) AIAN

initiatives already existing in County that intersect with this effort, b) the concept of data genocide and its relevance here, c) other systemic levers to advance this work

- Acknowledgement that the report and action plan may now be outdated, and an understanding that this may best be treated as a living document

In engaging other pertinent stakeholders, we learned the following:

- As it relates to the Internal County AIAN Working Group, there were questions about the purpose, function, and path forward
- There was a direct question about County land that was to be identified as part of the original board motion

We again thank you for your time and efforts to date, and are looking forward to continuing this partnership.

Sincerely,

Cheri L Thomas
LANAIC Chairperson



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County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
500 W Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC). The purpose of this letter is to recommend that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors support the seating of the Cherokee Nation's delegate to the United States House of Representatives per the 1835 Treaty of New Echota.

In 1835, the Cherokee Nation and United States signed the Treaty of New Echota. The treaty forcibly removed the Cherokee from their homelands, which led to over one-quarter of the Cherokee Nation perishing on the "Trail of Tears." That same document, however, also guaranteed the tribe a delegate to Congress. For almost 200 years, the U.S. House of Representatives has failed to act or honor this promise. In 2019, Chief Hoskin Jr. nominated Kim Teehee as the Cherokee Nation delegate and committed to the effort of finally demanding Congress live up to its agreement. Thousands have acted by calling on Congress to vote to the seat the Cherokee Nation delegate. Historic progress has been made, including in November 2022, when the U.S. House Rules committee held a congressional hearing to discuss the issue.

The Treaty of New Echota has no expiration date. It's time for the U.S. government to fulfill its promise and uphold its legal obligation to guarantee the Cherokee Nation a delegate to Congress. We respectfully ask that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors authorize advocacy for this critical representation and add this advocacy position to the County of Los Angeles Federal Legislative Agenda.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director

Cheri L Thomas
LANAIC Chairperson



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-19-024

TITLE: Supporting the Assertion of Tribal Treaty Rights to Seat a Delegate in the United States House of Representatives

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NCAI HEADQUARTERS
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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy, and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, NCAI has urged the United States government to fulfill treaty obligations and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, certain tribes have treaties that included the right to be represented by a delegate in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, for example, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states "The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same;" and

WHEREAS, for example, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation's first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation's right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, for example, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 Treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, for example, Cherokee Nation recently exercised the Nation's treaty right by appointing its first Delegate under Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution, which requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation to Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) fully supports the exercise of tribal treaty rights, including the seating of a Delegate in the U.S. House of Representatives where promised, and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to tribal nations, including the Cherokee Nation by seating its named Delegate in Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2019 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, October 20-25, 2019, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Officers:
E. Paul Torres, Chairman
Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Vice Chair
Governor Val Panteah, Sr., Secretary

RESOLUTION

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-35

SUPPORT FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION'S ASSERTION OF ITS TREATY RIGHT TO SEAT A DELEGATE IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Acoma

Cochiti

Isleta

Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

Zia

Zuni

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia and Zuni, and one pueblo in Texas, Ysleta Del Sur, each having the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and

WHEREAS, through their inherent and sovereign rights, the All Pueblo Council of Governors will promote the language, health, economic and natural resources, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people; and

WHEREAS, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over their lands; and

WHEREAS, other tribal nations have supported the advocacy efforts of Pueblos in areas of legislation, policy, and governance and APCG has supported efforts of other tribes in similar regards to promote understanding of the federal Indian trust responsibility and obligation to maintain and advance the self-determination of all tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy, and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

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WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation’s 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states, “The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation’s first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation’s right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation’s treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kim Teehee, to Congress; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the All Pueblo Council of Governors fully supports the Cherokee Nation’s action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kim Teehee in Congress; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the APCG Chairman and the Office of the All Pueblo Council of Governors is hereby authorized to do all that is necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.



ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Officers:
E. Paul Torres, Chairman
Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Vice Chair
Governor Val Panteah, Sr., Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Acoma

Cochiti

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Jemez

Laguna

Nambe

Ohkay Owingeh

Picuris

Pojoaque

Sandia

San Felipe

San Ildefonso

Santa Ana

Santa Clara

Santo Domingo

Taos

Tesuque

Ysleta Del Sur

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We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APGC 2019-35 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on 21st day of November 2019, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

By:

E. Paul Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

Governor Val Panteah, Sr., APCG Secretary

Stockbridge-Munsee Community

BAND OF MOHICAN INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES

RESOLUTION

November 5, 2019

No. 014-20

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community is a federally recognized Indian tribe governed by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council pursuant to authority vested in the Council by a Constitution approved in November 1937, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council has the authority under its Constitution and its inherent rights as a sovereign nation to act on behalf of the Community in area of economic affairs and other issues of self-governance;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy, and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community has always urged the United States government to fulfill treaty obligations and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states: "The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation's first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation's right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that Delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and

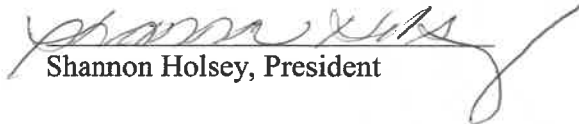
WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation's treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kimberly Teehee, to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation unanimously confirmed Kimberly Teehee as Delegate to Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's Tribal Council hereby supports the Cherokee Nation's action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kimberly Teehee in Congress.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 5, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 5th day of November, 2019, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.


Shannon Holsey, President


Jerilyn Johnson, Secretary



A Resolution Supporting the Cherokee Nation's Assertion of Its Treaty Right to a Delegate in the United States House of Representatives

WHEREAS, The California Nations Indian Gaming Association, established in 1988, is a non-profit association comprised of federally recognized tribal governments dedicated to the protection of tribal sovereignty and the right of tribes to have gaming on Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy, and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the California Nations Indian Gaming Association has urged the United States government to fulfill treaty obligations and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states, "The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation's first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation's right to a delegate in Article 31; and

Protecting the sovereign right of California tribes to operate gaming on their lands.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that Delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation's treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kimberly Teehee, to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation unanimously confirmed Kimberly Teehee as Delegate to Congress; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the California Nations Indian Gaming Association hereby supports the Cherokee Nation's action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kimberly Teehee in Congress.

CERTIFICATION

As the undersigned duly elected Chairperson of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association, I hereby certify the forgoing resolution, approved unanimously by membership on November 5, 2019 at duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, at which a quorum was present.


Steve Stallings, Chairman


James Siva, Vice Chairman

QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-_____-_____

WHEREAS, the Quinault Business Committee is the recognized governing body of the Quinault Indian Nation under the authority of the Quinault Indian Nation's Constitution adopted by the Quinault General Council on March 22nd, 1975 and has inherent powers of sovereignty and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the Quinault Indian Nation, the Quinault Business Committee is charged with the duty of protecting the health, welfare and safety of the people of the Quinault Indian Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concern; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the Quinault Indian Nation is a member of ATNI; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states, "The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation's first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation's right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation's treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kimberly Teehee, to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation unanimously confirmed Kimberly Teehee as Delegate to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Quinault Indian Nation supports the sovereignty and treaty rights of the Cherokee Nation, and supports the Cherokee Nation's appointment of Kimberly Teehee to Congress,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Quinault Business Committee supports the Cherokee Nation's action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kimberly Teehee in Congress.

Fawn R. Sharp, President
Quinault Indian Nation

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Quinault Business Committee, I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Quinault Business Committee on _____, 2020 by a vote of ____ for, ____ against, ____ abstaining.

Latosha Underwood, Secretary
Quinault Business Committee

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Cherokee Nation's Assertion of Its Treaty Right to a Delegate in the United States House of Representatives

Resolution No. 19-27



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gary Batton
Chief



James R. Floyd
Principal Chief



Greg P. Chilcoat
Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes ("ITC") is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing more than 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations are Indian tribes whose inherent sovereignty preexists that of the United States and who have held a historic and continual government-to-government relationship with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Inter-Tribal Council has urged the United States government to fulfill treaty obligations and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation's 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States sets forth, "The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation's first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation's right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, aside from the Treaty of New Echota, the 1778 Delaware Treaty and the 1830 Choctaw Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek also contemplate tribal representation in Congress; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that Delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and

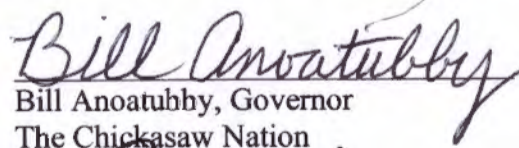
WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation's treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kimberly Teehee, to Congress; and

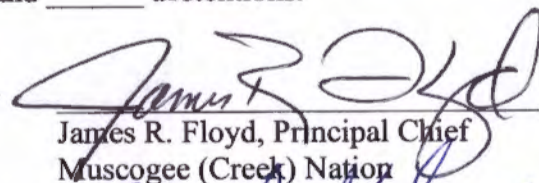
WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council confirmed Kimberly Teehee as its Delegate to Congress on September 9, 2019.

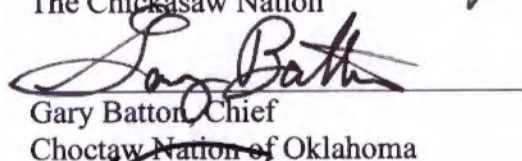
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby supports the Cherokee Nation's action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kimberly Teehee in Congress.

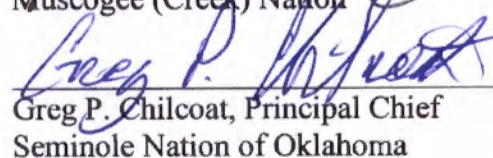
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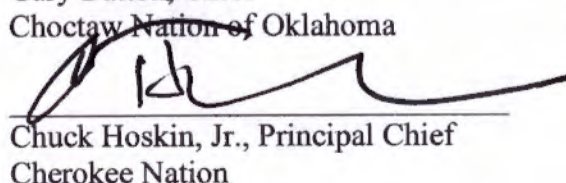
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 11th day of October, 2019, by a vote of _____ for _____ against and _____ abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES

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RESOLUTION # 09-19

Support for Kimberly Teehee's appointment to the US House of Representative by the Cherokee Nation

WHEREAS, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes ("MAST") is open to all of the thirty-five sovereign, federally recognized tribes and four inter-tribal organization in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa, each having the authority to govern their own affairs; and

WHEREAS, MAST mission is to "advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty and culture way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest"; and

WHEREAS, implementing and preserving Treaty Rights is an important part of the responsibilities of sovereign Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation signed the 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States of America. This treaty led to the Trail of Tears, a dark time in the history of the Cherokees as well as all Indian Nations; and

WHEREAS, one of the provisions of the 1835 Treaty provided for the Cherokee Nation to send a non-voting delegate to the US House of Representatives. This provision was not implemented until 2019 when Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. took action to fulfill the intent of the Treaty; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Teehee was nominated by Chief Hoskin and was approved by the Cherokee Nation Council. Ms. Teehee is familiar to Indian Country because of her long service in several positions in the US Federal Government in Washington DC. She previously worked for Cherokee Nation Chief Wilma Mankiller, the Democratic National Committee, and later for Congressman Dale Kildee as the staff director for the bi-partisan Native American Caucus in the US House of Representatives. This experience gave her valuable experience with Indian Country issues as well as both Republican and Democratic issues; and

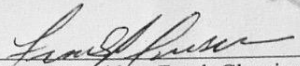
WHEREAS, President Obama appointed Ms. Teehee to serve on the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she gained further experience in promoting Indian issues at the highest level; and

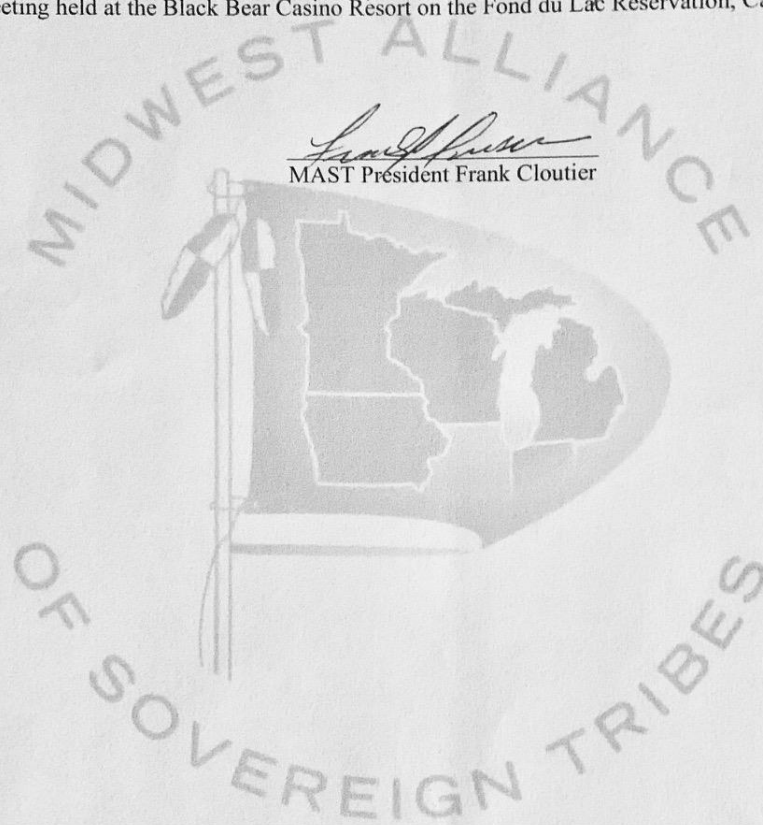
WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation's delegate will need to be approved by the US Congress before taking a seat. Upon approval, Ms. Teehee will be able to represent her Tribal Nation and will be a position to raise issues important to all of Indian Country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes supports the Cherokee Nation's appointment of Kimberly Teehee to a nonvoting seat on the US House of Representatives pursuant to a provision in the 1835 Treaty of New Echota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this will remain the position of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes until rescinded or repealed by subsequent resolution.

Adopted on November 7, 2019, by a vote 22 in favor, 0 against 0 abstaining at the MAST fall meeting held at the Black Bear Casino Resort on the Fond du Lac Reservation, Carlton, MN.


MAST President Frank Cloutier





2020 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #2020 – 03

“THE CHEROKEE NATION CALLS UPON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO THE CHEROKEE NATION BY SEATING DELEGATE KIMBERLY TEEHEE IN CONGRESS”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through Treaty, Commerce, Supremacy, and Apportionment Clauses and the 14th Amendment, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian Tribes and Nations established prior to the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, ATNI has urged the United States government to fulfill treaty obligations and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Cherokee Nation’s 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States states, “The Cherokee Nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guaranteed to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives in the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same;” and

WHEREAS, in addition to explicit language in Article 7 of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation’s first treaty with the United States, the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell, also includes the right to a congressional deputy in Article 12 and the 1866 Treaty with the Cherokee Nation, affirms the Cherokee Nation’s right to a delegate in Article 31; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the rights and obligations established under the 1866 treaty remain in effect for the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution requires the Principal Chief to appoint a Delegate to the United States House of Representatives and that Delegate is to be confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and


WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. exercised the Nation’s treaty right by appointing its first Delegate, Kimberly Teehee, to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation unanimously confirmed Kimberly Teehee as Delegate to Congress; now


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the Cherokee Nation’s action to exercise its treaty right and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligation to the Cherokee Nation by seating Delegate Kimberly Teehee in Congress.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 27-30, 2020, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary

United Tribes of Michigan

5453 Hughston Rd, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740
Phone: 517-802-8650 --- Email: fettawa@charter.net

Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director

RESOLUTION # 069 10-03-2019

United Tribes of Michigan support for Kimberly Teehee's appointment to the US House of Representative by the Cherokee Nation

WHEREAS, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all of the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to join forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, the inherent sovereign rights of Tribal governments are advanced within their respective Constitutions and Laws, and are supported within provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and subsequent international actions; and

WHEREAS, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, implementing and preserving Treaty Rights is an important part of the responsibilities of sovereign Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation signed the 1835 Treaty of New Echota with the United States of America. This treaty led to the Trail of Tears, a dark time in the history of the Cherokees as well as all Indian Nations; and

WHEREAS, one of the provisions of the 1835 Treaty provided for the Cherokee Nation to send a non-voting delegate to the US House of Representatives. This provision was not implemented until 2019 when Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. took action to fulfill the intent of the Treaty; and

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Support for Cherokee Nation's US House Representative

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WHEREAS, Kimberly Teehee was nominated by Chief Hoskin and was approved by the Cherokee Nation Council. Ms. Teehee is familiar to Indian Country because of her long service in several positions in the US Federal Government in Washington DC. She previously worked for Cherokee Nation Chief Wilma Mankiller, the Democratic National Committee, and later for Congressman Dale Kildee as the staff director for the bi-partisan Native American Caucus in the US House of Representatives. This experience gave her valuable experience with Indian Country issues as well as both Republican and Democratic issues; and

WHEREAS, President Obama appointed Ms. Teehee to serve on the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she gained further experience in promoting Indian issues at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation's delegate will need to be approved by the US Congress before taking a seat. Upon approval, Ms. Teehee will be in a position to represent her Tribal Nation and will be a position to raise issues important to all of Indian Country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Tribes of Michigan supports the Cherokee Nation's appointment of Kimberly Teehee to a nonvoting seat on the US House of Representatives pursuant to a provision in the 1835 Treaty of New Echota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this will remain the position of the United Tribes of Michigan until rescinded or repealed by subsequent resolution.

Adopted at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held at Mission Point Hotel on Mackinac Island on October 3, 2019, at which a quorum was present by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.


Chairman Aaron Payment
UTM President


Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley
UTM Secretary

Committee: Rules

Date: 08/15/2019

Committee Date: 08/29/2019

Author: Sara Hill

Sponsor: Janees Taylor, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg,
Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere,
Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Joe Byrd,
Julia Coates, Harley Buzzard, Mary Baker Shaw

RESOLUTION NO. 43-19

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY TEEHEE AS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 12 of the Treaty with the Cherokees, dated November 28, 1785 (Treaty of Hopewell), Article 7 of the Treaty with the Cherokees dated December 29, 1835 (Treaty of New Echota), and pursuant to Article VI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation, the Principal Chief is authorized to appoint the Delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation subject to confirmation by the Council of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, the terms of office for the Delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation shall coincide with the term of the Office of the Principal Chief;

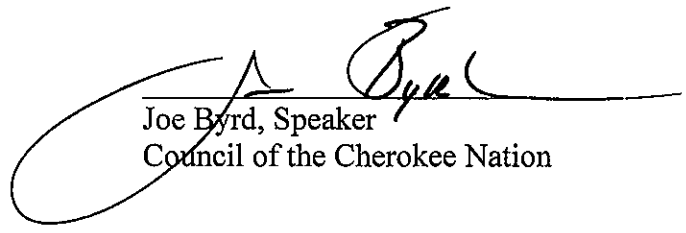
WHEREAS, the Principal Chief has nominated Kimberly Teehee as the Delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation to fulfill the duties thereof under the Constitution;

WHEREAS, Kimberly Teehee is duly qualified to fill this position.

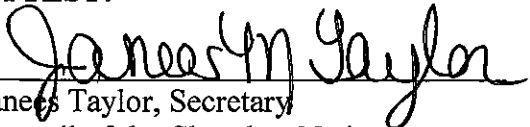
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Kimberly Teehee is hereby confirmed as the Delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation, to fulfill the duties of Delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation as specified in Article VI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation for a term of appointment to coincide with the term of the Office of the Principal Chief.

CERTIFICATION

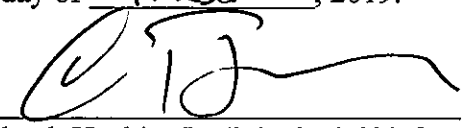
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 29th day of August, 2019, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Joe Byrd, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Janees Taylor, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 6th day of September, 2019.


Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

Act Resolution

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</u>	
Dept/Program:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Executive Director:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Treasurer (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets):	
Signature/Initial	Date
Government Relations:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Administration Approval:	
	8/15/15
Signature/Initial	Date

TITLE:

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY TEEHEE
AS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHEROKEE
NATION**

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Todd Enlow

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Dayl Ligg, Keith Austin, Dara Pitzkowski, Joe Beer, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan

NARRATIVE:

A resolution confirming the Kimberly Teehee as a delegate to the United States House of Representatives for the Cherokee Nation.

<u>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</u>	
Legal & Legislative Coordinator:	
	8/15/19
Signature/Initial	Date
Standing Committee & Date:	
	8/29/19
Chairperson:	
	Date

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Proposed Bylaws Revisions

The following proposed bylaws revision is being presented for discussion at the November 21, 2023 meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

Section XVI: Meetings, Subsection A., currently reads as follows:

Section XVI: Meetings

- A. The Commission should hold regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at such place and time as determined by the Commission, except that the Commission may change the date of the meeting at its discretion as long as at least one regular meeting is held each month. Meetings shall be scheduled at a time suitable to accommodate a regular work schedule in private industry (Monday-Friday) and regular work hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), so as not to be in conflict with Commission meetings.

The proposed revision would amend Section XVI: Meetings, Subsection A, as follows:

- A. The Commission should hold regular monthly meetings 11 times per year on the third Tuesday of the month at such place and time as determined by the Commission, except that the Commission may change the date of the meeting at its discretion as long as 11 regular meetings are held annually. Meetings shall be scheduled at a time suitable to accommodate a regular work schedule in private industry (Monday-Friday) and regular work hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), so as not to be in conflict with Commission meetings.



Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

Internal Communication Protocols

(Presented for discussion at the November 21, 2023 LANAIC Meeting)

Commissioner Inquiry Development

- Inquiries from commissioners must follow the 7 C's of Communication:
 - Clear, Concise, Concrete, Correct, Coherent, Complete, and Courteous
- Example inquiries: Questions, Agenda Item Suggestions, Committee Updates, Action Item Drafts, Forwarding of Community Events, etc.



Commissioner Submits Inquiry via Email

- All inquiries must be submitted to the Chairperson
- Inquiries must include all relevant documents as attachments on the email



Chairperson Evaluates Commissioner Inquiry

- Each Inquiry is evaluated by the Chairperson for the following qualifiers:
 - The inquiry is related to an item within the purview of the addressed body
(If needed the Chairperson will consult with the Executive Director to confirm that the item is within the purview of the LANAIC)
 - The inquiry is complete with all required documents or relevant information



Chairperson Responds to Commissioner

- Chairperson responds to Commissioner about whether or not the inquiry:
 - Falls under the jurisdiction of the body
 - Is complete or requires additional items/information before going to the body
 - Requires specialized consultation with staff



Chairperson is responsible for:

- Consulting with Staff for items relating to County policies and procedures
- Submitting monthly agenda items to staff
- Approving finalized meeting agendas and packets
- Communicating follow-up information with commissioners about their inquiry (as needed)

LANAIC - FY23-24 Internal Calendar

Purpose: Inform commission projects and planning

July 2023

- July 18, 2023 LANAIC Meeting
- July 15, 2023 Commissioner due date to submit FY22-3 Annual Report Content to ED

August 2023

- August 3, 2023 New Commissioner Virtual Workshop
- August 15, 2023 LANAIC Meeting

September 2023

- September 19, 2023 LANAIC Meeting
 - Select 2023 NAHM Honorees
- September 22, 2023 - California Indian Day
- September 26, 2023 Feather Alert Town Hall
- September 30, 2023 FY22-23 Annual Report Due to BOS

October 2023

- October 9, 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 17, 2023 LANAIC Meeting

November 2023

- Native American Heritage Month
- November 21, 2023 LANAIC Meeting
 - Select 2024-2025 Executive Committee Members (biennial action – 2 year terms)
 - Begin discussing 100th year of Citizenship (June 2, 2024)
 - Draft City Budget Request Letter
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December 2023

- December 19, 2023 LANAIC Meeting

January 2024

- January 16, 2024 LANAIC Meeting

February 2024

- February 20, 2024 LANAIC Meeting

March 2024

- March 19, 2024 LANAIC Meeting

April 2024

- April 16, 2024 LANAIC Meeting
 - Begin developing draft positions statements for County State and Fed Agendas updates

May 2024

- May 5, 2024 Day of Awareness Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women
- May 21, 2024 LANAIC Meeting

June 2024

- June 2, 2024 – 100th Anniversary of NA Citizenship
- June 30 – End of Fiscal Year