

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF RACHEL HARRISON TO SERVE ON THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Rachel Harrison to serve as a member of the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Children as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) solicits nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children;

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, Chief Gary Batton desires to nominate Rachel Harrison, special education teacher at the Choctaw Nation's BIE School, Jones Academy, to serve in this role to represent the Nation, our communities, our students, our tribal members, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Ms. Harrison's teaching credentials and experience serving students with special needs in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's BIE school, Jones Academy, equip her week to serve in this role;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to build and grow our Nation-to-Nation relationship with the United States of America, grow our relationship and partnership with the Bureau of Education and its leadership, as well as build strong relationships with other tribal nations;

WHEREAS, Ms. Harrison is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her commitment to serving all Native students, especially those with disabilities and extraordinary needs. She also has knowledge and experience of the BIE school system due to her service and teaching at Jones Academy;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Rachel Harrison to serve on the BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children as a representative of the Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Rachel Harrison to serve on the Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Children.


CERTIFICATION

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 December 10, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR- 03 -23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and one (1) abstaining.


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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

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Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 12-13-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Rachel Harrison to serve as a member of the BIE Advisory Board for Exception Children as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Ms. Harrison is a special education teacher at the Nation's BIE school, Jones Academy, and she will serve the interests of the Nation well as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Title of Council Resolution: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF RACHEL HARRISON TO SERVE ON BIE ADVISORY BOARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Agency: Chief's Office, Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Relations