

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF DR. MARIE COLE TO SERVE ON THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

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 Dr. Marie Cole to serve as a member of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, HHS solicits nominations for the Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality;

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 nominates Dr. Marie Cole, Pediatrician, to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality to represent the Nation, our patients, our children, our communities, Choctaw Nation Members, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cole's longstanding service to our children as a pediatrician at the Choctaw Nation Healthcare Center in Talihina, OK makes her a great fit for 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 the Nation's relationship and partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its leadership, as well as build strong relationships with other tribal nations and leading healthcare providers across the country;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cole is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her education, expertise, and experience treating infant patients at the Choctaw Nation Healthcare Center. Around 600 infants are born each year at this facility on the Choctaw Nation Reservation, and Dr. Cole is one of the first connections for infants and mothers to prepare the next generation for a healthy life. She is a unique voice and representation of the challenges and successes of infant healthcare in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Dr. Cole to serve on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality 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 Dr. Marie Cole to serve on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality.

CERTIFICATION

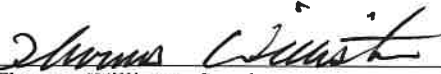
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further

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certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a Special Session of the Tribal Council hosted virtually from Durant, Oklahoma on January 14, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR- 07 -23 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 1-17-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Dr. Marie Cole, Pediatrician, to serve on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Dr. Cole is an experienced pediatrician and she will serve the interests of the Nation well and represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Indian Country well.

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Agency: Chief's Office, Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Relations