

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF TYE BAKER TO SERVE ON THE WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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 Tye Baker to serve as a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the White House solicits nominations for the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council;

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 Tye Baker, Senior Director, Environmental Protection Service, to serve as a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council to represent the Nation, our natural resources, our communities, Choctaw Nation Members, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's longstanding service and leadership in the Choctaw Nation for our land, natural resources, and environmental protection in the Choctaw Nation make him 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 our relationship and partnership with the White House, as well as build strong relationships with other tribal nations and stewards of our land and natural resources;

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to his lifelong commitment to serving our environment in the Choctaw Nation. Mr. Baker is a Member of the Choctaw Nation who has utilized his background and expertise to lead many important environmental projects for the Choctaw Nation. He now leads all departments related to environmental protection for the Choctaw Nation, including water, land, air, recycling, and all efforts to preserve the rich heritage of our natural resources on the Choctaw Nation Reservation. He provides a valuable voice for our tribal members and share the importance of our commitment to the environment, and preservation of our resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Tye Baker to serve on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council 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 Tye Baker to serve on the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

CERTIFICATION

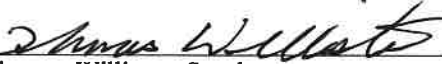
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a Special Session of the Tribal Council hosted virtually from Durant, Oklahoma on January 14, 2023. I further certify that the

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foregoing Council Bill CR- 08 -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 Patton, 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 Tye Baker to serve as a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Mr. Baker is a Member of the Choctaw Nation who has utilized his background and expertise to lead many important environmental projects for the Choctaw Nation. He now leads all departments related to environmental protection for the Choctaw Nation. Based on his experience and expertise, Mr. Baker will serve the interests of the Nation well and represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Indian Country well.

Title of Council Resolution: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF TYE BAKER TO SERVE ON THE WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Agency: Chief's Office, Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Relations

Tye Baker - Sr. Director of Environmental Protective Service The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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Tye is dedicated to sustainable management and conservation of natural resources of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma through holistic understanding and technical study. He strives to balance the needs of a strong economy, healthy environment, and the cultural and social values of the Choctaw people and Southeast Oklahoma. He uses knowledge of the region and traditional community and applies it with technical study to provide sound science and strategies for the management of natural resources.

Experience and Duties

Senior Director of Environmental Protection Service, Choctaw Nation, 2017-Present

- Lead and direct Wildlife Conservation, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Compliance, Water Resource Management, and Environmental Sustainability programs for the Choctaw Nation's 11,000+ square mile reservation
 - Responsible for over \$7 million in tribally budgeted dollars and 55 associates
 - Management of over 30 grant programs totaling \$5 million+ dollars of federal funding
 - Collaborate directly with many applicable state and federal agencies, several through government-to-government cooperative agreements
- Administers Environmental Assessments to ensure due diligence for site assessment, such as Phase I, Phase II ESA's, and Environmental Justice considerations
- Administers Environmental Compliance reviews and ensures compliance to applicable regulatory law
- Monitors and improve air and water quality and respond to and mitigate environmental hazards where needed
- Mitigate waste and find ways to partner with other departments of the Choctaw Nation and all communities to recycle and reuse material that otherwise may contribute to landfill waste via the Environmental Sustainability Department
- Create solutions for community water needs and provide science-based data for legal disputes in the Water Resource Department
- Manage the Wildlife Conservation Department to provide key interaction opportunities between wildlife and tribal members, including our hunting and fishing licenses

Water Resources Manager, Choctaw Nation 2011-2017

- Lead development of Choctaw-Chickasaw Regional Water Plan
- Provided technical assistance for the State of Oklahoma and Choctaw-Chickasaw Water Settlement
- Managed community and stakeholder involvement and project management of several studies in cooperation with Federal government agencies

Land and Record Project Technician, Choctaw Nation 2004-2011

- Created land and title inventory assessment and update of record keeping methods and software
- Served tribal members and the Choctaw through mapping, location services, and identification for realty services

Field Technician, Fish and Wildlife Service 2003

- Managed and maintained the operation of the Little River Wildlife Refuge
- Created and protected wildlife habitat and surveying plant and animal populations

Membership and Boards

Ouachita Mountains Resource, Conservation, and Development – Vice President
Red River Valley Association – Board of Directors
Lake Texoma and Eufaula Lake Advisory Committee to the Army Corps of Engineers
Oka Institute Advisory Committee – Board Member
South Central Climate Science Center – Executive Committee – Principal Investigator

Education

Oklahoma State University, Zoology (BS), 2002
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Conservation of Natural Resources (BS), 2008
New Mexico University Law School, Native American Pre-Law Summer Institute, 2011
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Post-Graduate, Innovative Technology (degree incomplete), 2014

Training and Certifications

- Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspector
- Overview of the NEPA/ESA/S. 106/Administrative Record
- Tribal Underground Storage Tanks Boot Camp
- Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Phase I Assessment Awareness Training
- Introduction to Enforcement and Compliance History
- EPA Alliance Introduction to the Resource Conversation and Recovery Act
- USGS Introductory GIS, Streamflow Measurement, and Water-Quality Sampling Techniques for Metals
- Vulnerability Assessment Training USGS
- EPA Alliance Tribal Environmental Bootcamp
- Section 404 Clean Water Act Training

Professional Projects of Note for the Choctaw Nation

- Water Supply Regionalization Feasibility Study for Communities in Eastern Oklahoma
- Regional Water Plan for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Oklahoma
- Effect of Climate Change on the Water Resources of the Red River Basin, NM to LA
- Water Reuse Assessment for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Oklahoma
- Drought Contingency Plan for the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer Region, Oklahoma
- Antlers Sandstone Aquifer model re-calibration
- In-stream flow methodologies for southeast Oklahoma