

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF BRIAN MCCLAIN TO SERVE ON THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE SOUTHERN REGION  
RURAL SCHOOLS RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE** a Resolution supporting the nomination of Brian McClain to serve as a member of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

**WHEREAS**, the USDA Forest Service solicits nominations for the Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee;

**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 Brian McClain, Executive Director of Government Relations, to serve as a member of the Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee to represent the Nation, the Ouachita National Forest, our communities, our Choctaw Nation Members, and Indian Country as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McClain's longstanding senior leadership in the Choctaw Nation as a trusted advisor to Choctaw Nation elected leaders, advocate for our communities and partners, and successful advocacy for our natural resources and rural schools 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 USDA and the U.S. Forest Service and its leadership, as well as build strong relationships with other tribal nations;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McClain is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to his lifelong connection and residence in Leflore County, Oklahoma, in the Ouachita National Forest, his commitment to local public school districts, and his leadership of environmental and conservation organizations within the Choctaw Nation. Furthermore, Mr. McClain is a trusted liaison and advocate for the Choctaw Nation to our local communities, state and local elected officials, as well as to members of Congress and the Biden Administration. He provides a valuable voice for our area and share the importance of our environment, tourism, and the beauty of our forests on this committee; and

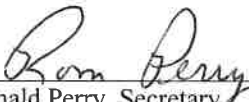
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Brian McClain to serve on the United States Department of Agriculture Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee as a representative of the Nation.

**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 Brian McClain to serve on the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee.

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**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 foregoing Council Bill CR- 09 -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 Brian McClain to serve as a member of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Southern Region Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Mr. McClain's experience and expertise will make him a valuable asset to this committee and an excellent representative of the Nation and Indian Country as a whole.

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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