

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF GINGER CRAWFORD TO SERVE ON THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WORKFORCE INFORMATION 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 Ginger Crawford, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal member, to serve as a member of the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Information Advisory Council as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (“the Nation”).

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Labor solicits nominations for its Workforce Information Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, 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 Ginger Crawford, Senior Manager of Employment Training Services, to serve as a member of the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Information Advisory Council to represent the Nation, our students and businesses, our communities, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma members, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is nominated to serve as a member who is a representative of providers of training services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Section 122 (“WIOA”);

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford’s longstanding service and leadership of the Choctaw Nation PL 102-477 Program - Employment Training Services (“ETS”), her dedication to training all individuals, and her work to secure job creation and economic development to tribally owned businesses make her a great fit for this role;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma supports efforts to build and grow a Nation-to-Nation relationship with the United States of America, grow the Nation’s relationship and partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, and build strong relationships with other tribal nations, states, and training providers to grow the Nation’s economy;

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her commitment to implementing a robust training program to help tribal members grow and thrive in their professional lives. In the ETS Department, Ms. Crawford is tasked with the implementation of the PL 102-477 Comprehensive Services Plan policy and process training for her team. She is also responsible for the implementation of the PL 102-477 five-year Comprehensive Services Plan and reporting the service activities annually to the U.S. Department of Labor. She is knowledgeable and adept at administering this federal program and working collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Labor to serve tribal members’ training and employment needs. Ms. Crawford is a member of the Nation who has utilized her background and expertise to help many tribal members receive counseling, job training, and honing their skills to go to work for the Nation, tribally owned businesses, and others in the business community. She provides a valuable voice for tribal members and shares the importance of the Nation’s commitment to job training and professional enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Ginger Crawford to serve on the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Information Advisory Council as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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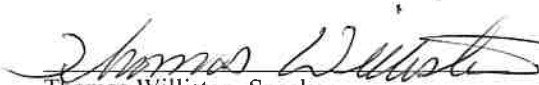
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Ginger Crawford to serve on the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Information Advisory Council.

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 the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on February 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 14 -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 Battor, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 2-14-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this resolution is to support the nomination of Ginger Crawford to serve as a member of the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Information Advisory Council as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Ms. Crawford is a member of the Choctaw Nation who has utilized her background and expertise to lead and administer the Choctaw Nation PL 102-477 Program - Employment Training Services ("ETS"). Ms. Crawford will serve the interests of the Nation and represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Indian Country well. If selected, Ms. Crawford will represent not only the Choctaw Nation, but interests in federal training programs from all federally recognized tribal nations in the United States. This fits in with the strategic goals of the Choctaw Nation by providing training programs to help tribal members succeed and become self-sufficient, as well as our strategic goal of having Choctaw tribal members appointed to federal positions.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Agency: Chief's Office, Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Relations

Ginger M. Crawford has over fifteen (15) years of Workforce Development experience in southeastern Oklahoma. She worked for seven (7) years for the Southern Workforce Investment Board as the Business Services Coordinator and a service monitor. While there she was the lead of the Business Services Team meeting regularly with job developers and local businesses to discuss trends and area business concerns. Ginger also sat on the steering committees for the Bryan, Garvin, and Pontotoc counties 8th Grade Career Discovery Day events for three (3) years. She organized job fairs throughout fourteen (14) counties and worked alongside the Economic Developers to provide services to local business.

Ginger has worked for the Choctaw Nation PL 102-477 Program - Employment Training Services (ETS) for the last eight and a half (8 ½) years. Seven (7) of those years as a Classroom Training Coordinator helping to build a talent pipeline of college graduates and CareerTech students in order to shape a future workforce. In February 2021, she was promoted to Senior Manager of ETS. ETS is charged with serving hard-to-serve individuals through work experience, on-the-job training, and classroom training. They also work to secure job creation and economic development to tribally owned businesses throughout the CNO Reservation.

In the ETS Department, Ginger is tasked with the implementation of the PL 102-477 Comprehensive Services Plan policy and process training for her team. She is also responsible for the implementation of the PL 102-477 five-year Comprehensive Services Plan and reporting the service activities annually to the US Department of Labor.

Ginger currently serves as a member of the Southern Workforce Investment Board and sits on their Admin Committee and Business Services Committee. She was nominated and participated in panel discussions for The Oklahoma Academy's 2022 Town Hall focusing on enhancing the workforce for an increasingly innovative Oklahoma economy by making priority recommendations to the Oklahoma State Legislators. Ginger has also served on the Kiamichi Technology Center Business Services Committee for the last year. Ginger holds a Master of Arts degree.