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A RESOLUTION NAMING CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a resolution naming delegates to the National Congress of American Indians to represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma wishes to become a Member Indian/Native Government in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI");

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma meets all requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article III-Members, Section B of the Constitution and By-Laws of NCAI;

WHEREAS, that based on tribal enrollment of persons, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma shall have 180 votes, in accordance with Article III-Members, Section B 1d;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates John Hobbs, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Senior Executive Officer of Communications, as the Nation's Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians, for a term that expires on September 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates Megan Jones, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Federal Government Affairs Strategist, as the Nation's Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians, for a term that expires on September 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma supports efforts to build and grow the Nation's relationship with NCAI and its other Member tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the designation of the above named individuals as Delegate and Alternate Delegates and instructs them to be Individual Members in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their roles as Official Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid-Year Conference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to designate the above named individuals as Delegate and Alternate Delegate and instructs them to be Individual Members in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their roles as Official Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid-Year Conference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above-named Tribal Nation, hereby authorizes Chief Gary Batton, who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribal Nation in Membership with

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NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the NCAI By-Laws, Article III, Section C 2 are authorized to be paid for NCAI membership.

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 <u>eleven</u> (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session
of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 12, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council
Resolution CR- <u>01</u> -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>eleven</u> (11) members,
<u>zero</u> (0) negative votes, and <u>zero</u> (0) abstaining.

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 10-17-24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this resolution is to name delegates to have a voting role and responsibility on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma at the National Congress of American Indians 81st Annual Convention & Marketplace. These nominations are important to determine tribal unity and tribal political goals across Indian Country. It gives the Nation a voice nationwide in the room with every Tribal Nation and will also fulfill the Nation's strategic goal of protecting and promoting tribal sovereignty by placing Choctaw Tribal Members and Choctaw Nation leaders in political positions.

Title of Council Resolution: A RESOLUTION NAMING CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Agency: Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: John Hobbs, SEO Communications

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Member Services Committee; Governance Committee