

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF TODD HALLMARK TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) AS THE OKLAHOMA AREA ALTERNATE

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

ANTHONY DILLARD INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Todd Hallmark, Choctaw Nation Executive Officer of Health to serve on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) as the Oklahoma Area Alternate as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health seeks nominations and reappointments to their Tribal 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 Todd Hallmark, Choctaw Nation Executive Officer of Health, to serve on the NIH TAC as the Oklahoma Area Alternate to represent the Nation, our Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority, and Choctaw tribal members and other Native Americans served through Nation's healthcare system;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark's education, experience, expertise, as well as his commitment to serving the Nation and its people through excellence in healthcare provision make him a great fit for this role;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to build and grow our relationship with the National Institutes of Health and the medical community across the United States and Indian Country;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to his commitment to serving our tribal members. Mr. Hallmark has grown the Choctaw Nation Healthcare Services Authority to include CMS Five-Star rated acute care hospital, 9 ambulatory clinics, 16 wellness centers, and serving 40,000+ Native Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Todd Hallmark to serve on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) as the Oklahoma Area Alternate as a representative of the Nation.

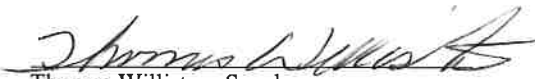
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Todd Hallmark to serve on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) as the Oklahoma Area Alternate.

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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 eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a meeting of the Tribal Council in Tvshka Homma, OK, on April 12, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR-05-25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Anthony Dillard, Interim Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 4-16-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Todd Hallmark to serve as a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) as the Oklahoma Area Alternate as a representative of the Nation. This committee gives the Nation another seat at the table for a national committee and representing Oklahoma specifically. It fulfills strategic goals in the subheading of the legislative agenda of getting Choctaws appointed to political positions under the heading of Protect and Promote Choctaw Sovereignty and Culture.

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Agency: Chief's Office, Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Affairs