



## **PUBLIC NOTICE to Certify the Winner of General Election for Council District 7**

**To the District 7 Tribal Members of The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 2, 2025**

*In accordance with the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance, approved by CB-24-25, notice is hereby given,*

On May 22, 2025, the Election Board received notification that Tribal Council District 7 candidate, Adrian Johnico, had passed away. The Choctaw Nation is saddened by the news of his passing and would like to extend condolences to the Johnico family.

As a result of this news, no District 7 candidates will appear on the General Election ballot. District 7 voters will receive a ballot containing the five (5) Constitutional Amendment questions only.

In compliance with the Election Ordinance, Article VII, Section 13, the Election Board certifies the remaining candidate, Joey D. Tom, as the uncontested winner of the District 7 election.

For more information about Choctaw Nation elections, visit <https://www.choctawnation.com/elections> or contact the Election Board Secretary by email at [ElectionBoard@choctawnation.com](mailto:ElectionBoard@choctawnation.com) or by phone at [\(580\) 634-0679](tel:5806340679).

**Reference:**

Choctaw Nation Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance,

Article VII, Section 13 governs the Board's procedures in the event of the death of a candidate. It states that:

'SECTION 13. In the event of the death of one or more of the candidates after the close of the candidate filing period, the Election Board shall have the authority to: ...

(b) Certify the remaining candidate as the uncontested winner of the election, if only one candidate remains...'