

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA BECOMING A MEMBER  
OF THE UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION  
INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE** a resolution in support of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma becoming a member of the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, (“UINO”);

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of UINO is to create an organization for tribal nations and tribal people to come together, work together, become more informed on issues of importance to tribal Nations and tribal people, and act to protect and enhance the sovereignty of tribal nations based in Oklahoma;

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma wishes to become a Tribal Nation Member in Good Standing with the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma;

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Nation meets all requirements for Tribal Nation Membership pursuant to Article III-Membership, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws of UINO;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to work together with other tribal nations to strengthen and protect our inherent sovereignty and to build and grow the Nation’s relationship with other Member tribal nations;

**WHEREAS**, joining UINO aligns with the Nation’s strategic goal to assert, defend, protect, promote, and exercise our rights as a sovereign nation to improve the economic, environmental, social, and cultural prosperity of our People;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation has determined it is in the best interests of the Nation to support the Choctaw Nation becoming a member of UINO;

**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 will serve as the primary delegate to the UINO; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Gary Batton nominates John Hobbes, Senior Executive Officer of Communications and Marketing, Megan Jones, Government Affairs Strategist, and Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Affairs Strategist, to serve as alternate delegates to the UINO; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to join the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that Tribal funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the UINO Constitution, Article III-Membership, Section 3 and By-Laws of UINO are authorized to be paid for UINO membership.

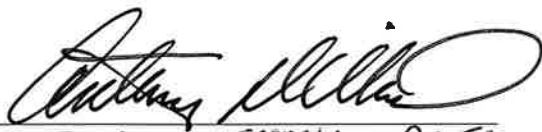
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that based on tribal enrollment of persons, the Nation shall have 100 votes, in accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the UINO Constitution and UINO By-laws.

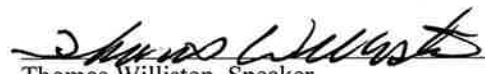
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to designate the above named individuals as Delegate and Alternative Delegates to vote on behalf of the Nation in UINO.

**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 meeting of the Tribal Council in Tuskahoma, OK on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR-01 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.*

  
~~James Dry, Secretary~~ Secretary Pro Tem  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 12-15-25

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**Purpose/Need of Council Resolution:** The purpose of this Resolution is to support the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to join the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (“UINO”), as a Tribal Nation Member in Good Standing and to appoint official delegates and alternate delegates to represent and vote on behalf of the Nation. UINO is a collective organization of tribal nations and tribal people who, unite to collaborate pm tribal issues that impact Tribal communities and act to protect and enhance the sovereignty of tribal nations based in Oklahoma.

**Title of Council Resolution:** **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA**

**Agency:** Chief’s Office, Government Affairs

**Budget:** N/A

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by:** Megan Jones, Government Affairs