

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF LAKESHA HAWKINS TO SERVE
ON THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FARM, RANCH, AND RURAL
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE (FRRCC)**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Lakesha Hawkins, Choctaw tribal member and Choctaw Nation Environmental Specialist, for appointment to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC) as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seeks nominations to the FRRCC;

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 Lakesha Hawkins for appointment to the FRRCC to represent the Nation, our Choctaw tribal member ag producers, and farmers and ranchers across Indian Country;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins' education and expertise make her a great fit for this role, as well as her ongoing commitment as a livestock producer and strong steward of our land and natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to build and grow our relationship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, other natural resources related federal agencies, and agricultural producers around the country;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee. She is a tribal member serving her own community, and has both the academic and practical knowledge in agriculture and natural resources to be an effective and impactful contributor. She has worked closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the past nine years, developing extensive knowledge of federal programs that support sustainable land management and conservation efforts. In addition, she is a cattle producer, providing her with firsthand agricultural experience that further strengthens her qualifications;


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Lakesha Hawkins for appointment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC) as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

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 Lakesha Hawkins for appointment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC) as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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 March 14, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR- 02 -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
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Tony Ward, Speaker Pro Tem
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 3/17/26