

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF CHIEF GARY BATTON TO
SERVE ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR SECRETARY'S TRIBAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation to serve as an appointed member of the United States Department of Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee as the Eastern Oklahoma Delegate. Chief Batton will have the authority to represent the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and speak on behalf of the Nation upon appointment to this role.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior solicits nominations for members of the Secretary's 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 desires to serve in this capacity to represent the Choctaw Nation, Eastern Oklahoma, our tribal members all around the country, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Chief Batton's education, experience, expertise, and years of leadership and commitment to serving his Nation and its people make him a great fit for this role;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to build and grow our Nation-to-Nation relationship with the United States of America, grow our relationship and partnership with the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Burgum, as well as build strong partnerships and relationships with other tribal nations;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to his long-term leadership of the Choctaw Nation and his commitment to Indian Country. In his 39 years with the Choctaw Nation, he has served in housing, healthcare, and many core services to fully understand inner workings of the Nation and peoples' core needs in Indian Country. He serves daily with heart and a mission to serve Choctaw people and work collaboratively with all tribal nations to serve Eastern Oklahoma and Indian Country.; and

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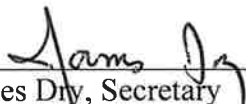
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Chief Gary Batton to serve on the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee as a representative of the Nation.

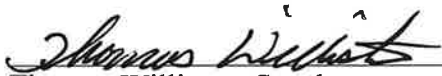
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Chief Gary Batton to serve on the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory.

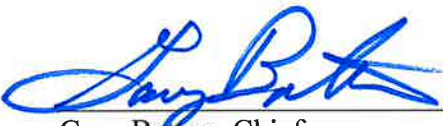
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CERTIFICATION

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a meeting of the Tribal Council in Tvska Homma, OK on July 11, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR- 07 -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


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7/16/26