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RESOLUTION NO. 06-24

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution of Cherokee Nation states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention must be submitted to the citizens of Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years at a general or special election;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XV, Section 2 and Article XV, Section 9, the Council of the Cherokee Nation, will cause the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to be submitted to a vote of the Cherokee people.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that a referendum question of whether or not to call a constitutional convention should be submitted to the duly qualified and registered voters of the Cherokee Nation by placing such question on the ballot during a special election for that purpose, to read as follows:

REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Article XV, Section 9, of the Cherokee Nation Constitution states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to propose adopting amendments, revisions, alterations, or a new constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years. Therefore:

**SHOULD A CONVENTION BE CALLED TO PROPOSE ANY
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS,
REVISIONS, OR A NEW CONSTITUTION?**

_____ Yes In favor of calling a constitution convention

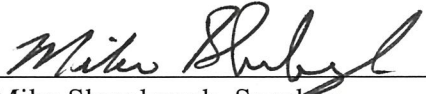
_____ No Opposed to calling a constitution convention.

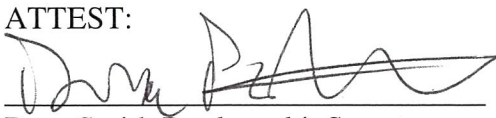
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby directs the Election Commission of the Cherokee Nation to submit the question of a constitution convention to a vote of the duly qualified and registered voters at a special election to be held on

June 15, 2024, in accordance with Cherokee Nation law and the attached election timeline approved by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.


CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11th day of March, 2024, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Mike Shambaugh, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Dora Smith Patzkowski, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 19 day of March, 2024


Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Election Commission

Memo

FROM: Cherokee Nation Election Commission

SUBJECT: 2024 Special Election Time

DATE: March 5, 2024

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council,

In a duly called meeting of the Election Commission, on March 4, 2023, the Commission passed a motion approving the attached timeline for the June 15th Special Election.

Thank You,
Marcus Fears
Administrator
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

2024 Special Election Timeline

<u>Mar-12</u>	Absentee Ballot Requests Accepted
<u>Mar-28</u>	Voter Registration Closes
<u>Apr-05</u>	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
<u>Apr-22 & 23</u>	Mail Out Absentee Ballots
<u>June-8, 11, 12, 13</u>	Early Walk-In Voting; Absentee Drop Box Available 7am-7pm
<u>June 10-15</u>	Verify Absentee Ballots
<u>Jun-11</u>	Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot
<u>Jun-15</u>	Special Election; Absentee Drop Box Available 7am-7pm
<u>Jun-19</u>	Recount Request Deadline
<u>Jun-21</u>	Recount
<u>Jun-24</u>	Election Appeals Deadline
<u>Jun-27</u>	CN Supreme Court Hearing

Election Timeline Calendar



March-2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Regular Meeting</div> <div style="background-color: #9999cc; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Absentee Ballot Requests Accepted</div>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	<div style="background-color: #c0504d; padding: 2px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Voter Registration Deadline, S21 A2</div>	29	30
31					<i>Good Friday</i>	

Election Timeline Calendar



April-2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Absentee Ballot Request Deadline S73 A	6
7	8	9 Regular Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Special Election, S73 A	23 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Special Election, S73 A	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Election Timeline Calendar



May-2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Regular Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Election Timeline Calendar



June-2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78
9	10	11 Regular Meeting Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot, S80 A Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78	12 Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78	13 Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78	14	15 Special Election Absentee Ballot deadline to be received at Tahlequah Post Office, 12pm noon, S78 AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78
Verify Absent Ballots, Scan & Process until complete						
16	17	18	19 Recount Deadline, S93 C	20	21 Recount, S93 F	22
23	24 Election Appeal Deadline, S101 D	25	26	27 CN Supreme Court Appeal Hearing, S101 E	28	29
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Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

Act Resolution

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</u>	
Dept/Program:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Executive Director:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Treasurer (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets):	
Signature/Initial	Date
Government Relations:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Administration Approval:	
Signature/Initial	Date

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Taralee Montgomery

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley, *Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Candessa Teehe, Mia Coats*

NARRATIVE:

The Council of the Cherokee Nation authorizes a ballot question on a constitution convention and setting a special election

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<u>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</u>	
Legal & Legislative Coordinator:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Standing Committee & Date:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Chairperson:	
Signature/Initial	Date