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## **RESOLUTION NO. 59-25**

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

## A RESOLUTION ELECTING JOHNNY JACK KIDWELL TO THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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

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; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Article V of the Cherokee Constitution the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council is a separate and independent branch of the Cherokee Nation government; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Cherokee Nation Constitution Article VI Section 2 states that the Council shall elect a Speaker and Deputy Speaker from its own membership to officiate over Council meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Speaker of the Council is to be a member with high qualification and experience capable of performing the duties of the office with fidelity; and,

WHEREAS, under Article VII Section 4 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution states that in case of removal, death, resignation or disability of the Deputy Chief, then the Speaker of the Council shall succeed to that office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council that Johnny Jack Kidwell be elected as Speaker of the Cherokee Nation Council for the legislative term beginning September 15, 2025 and ending August 2029.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting thereof on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, having 15 members present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 15 yea 20 nay; and 20 abstaining.

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Joshua Sam, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 27rd day of September, 2025.

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation