

**RESOLUTION NO. 53-24**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

**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**, the Cherokee Nation wishes to become a member in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation meets all requirements for Tribal membership, pursuant to Article II, Section B(1) of the Constitution and Article III, Section B(1)(a) of the Bylaws of the National Congress of American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief will designate one of the below named forty-eight (48) persons as his representative (alternate) in his absence by a letter stating such.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation, which is the official governing body of the above named tribal nation, hereby authorizes Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief, to take the necessary actions to place the Nation in membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that Nation funds in the amount of \$30,000, based on the tribal Membership Dues Schedule of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, Article III, Section C(2), are authorized to be paid for such Tribal membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the \$30,000 membership fee shall be paid by an equal amount from Executive Branch and Business Enterprises Branch out of existing appropriations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that, based on the Nation's citizenry of 466,079 persons, the Nation shall have 180 votes, in accordance with Article III, Section B(1) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation supports and approves the below named persons as representatives; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that pursuant to Article III, § B(1)(b) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, the Nation designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become individual members in good standing in the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention and Executive Council Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

1. **DELEGATE:** Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
2. **ALTERNATE:** Bryan Warner, Deputy Chief
3. **ALTERNATE:** Kim Teehee, Delegate to Congress
4. **ALTERNATE:** Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
5. **ALTERNATE:** Chad Harsha, Attorney General
6. **ALTERNATE:** Corey Bunch, Chief of Staff
7. **ALTERNATE:** Janees Taylor, Treasurer
8. **ALTERNATE:** Shannon Buhl, Marshal
9. **ALTERNATE:** S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veteran Affairs
10. **ALTERNATE:** Christina Justice, Secretary of Natural Resources
11. **ALTERNATE:** Canaan Duncan, Deputy Secretary of State
12. **ALTERNATE:** Tralynna Scott, Special Envoy for the U.S. Department of Treasury
13. **ALTERNATE:** Joe Byrd, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Language Preservation
14. **ALTERNATE:** Todd Enlow, Housing Exe. Dir
15. **ALTERNATE:** Stephen Jones, Health Exe. Dir.
16. **ALTERNATE:** Diane Kelley, Career Services Exe. Dir.
17. **ALTERNATE:** Jennifer Kirby, Human Services Exe. Dir.
18. **ALTERNATE:** Anna Knight, Commerce Exe. Dir.
19. **ALTERNATE:** Michael Lynn, Transportation & Infrs Exe. Dir.

Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Bryan Warner  
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Todd Enlow  
Stephen Jones  
Diane Kelley  
Jennifer Kirby  
Anna Knight  
Michael Lynn

- 20. ALTERNATE: Mark Vance, Education Exe. Dir.
- 21. ALTERNATE: Samantha Hendricks, Human Resources Exe. Dir.
- 22. ALTERNATE: Julie Hubbard, Communications Exe. Dir.
- 23. ALTERNATE: Ginger Reeves, Executive Real Estate Services Exe. Dir.
- 24. ALTERNATE: Howard Paden, Cherokee Language Exe. Dir.
- 25. ALTERNATE: David Moore, Facilities Management Exe. Dir.
- 26. ALTERNATE: Derrick Vann, Registrar
- 27. ALTERNATE: Savannah Smith, Cultural & Community Dir.
- 28. ALTERNATE: Sharon Swepston, Tax Commission
- 29. ALTERNATE: Audra Imhoff, Gaming Commission
- 30. ALTERNATE: Brandon Scott, VP of Enterprise CN/CNB
- 31. ALTERNATE: Tyler Thomas, Cherokee Phoenix Exe. Dir.

*Mark Vance*  
*Samantha Hendricks*  
*Julie Hubbard*  
*Ginger Reeves*  
*Howard Paden*  
*David Moore*  
*Derrick Vann*  
*Savannah Smith*  
*Sharon Swepston*  
*Audra Imhoff*  
*Brandon Scott*  
*Tyler Thomas*

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:**

- 32. ALTERNATE: Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of Council
- 33. ALTERNATE: Kevin Easley, Jr., Deputy Speaker of Council
- 34. ALTERNATE: Dora Patzkowski, Secretary of Council
- 35. ALTERNATE: Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Council Member, DIST. 1
- 36. ALTERNATE: Candessa Tehee, Council Member, DIST. 2
- 37. ALTERNATE: Lisa Hall, Council Member, DIST. 3
- 38. ALTERNATE: Mike Dobbins, Council Member, DIST. 4
- 39. ALTERNATE: E.O. Smith, Council Member, DIST. 5
- 40. ALTERNATE: Daryl Legg, Council Member, DIST. 6
- 41. ALTERNATE: Joshua Sam, Council Member, DIST. 7
- 42. ALTERNATE: Codey Poindexter, Council Member, DIST. 8

*Mike Shambaugh*  
*Kevin Easley, Jr.*  
*Dora Patzkowski*  
*Sasha Blackfox-Qualls*  
*Candessa Tehee*  
*Lisa Hall*  
*Mike Dobbins*  
*E.O. Smith*  
*Daryl Legg*  
*Joshua Sam*  
*Codey Poindexter*

- 43. ALTERNATE: Melvina Shotpouch, Council Member, DIST. 10
- 44. ALTERNATE: Kendra McGeady, Council Member, DIST. 11
- 45. ALTERNATE: Joe Deere, Council Member, DIST. 13
- 46. ALTERNATE: Danny Callison, Council Member, DIST. 15
- 47. ALTERNATE: Julia Coates, Council Member, at large
- 48. ALTERNATE: Johnny Kidwell, Council Member, at large

*Melvina Shotpouch*  
*Kendra McGeady*  
*Joe Deere*  
*Danny Callison*  
*Julia Coates*  
*Johnny Kidwell*

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 16th day of September, 2024, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

*Mike Shambaugh*  
 Mike Shambaugh, Speaker  
 Council of the Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

*Dora Patzkowski*  
 Dora Patzkowski, Secretary  
 Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief on this 18th day of September, 2024.

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.*  
 Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief  
 Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

*Shella Bowlin*  
 Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State  
 Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

Signature/Initial Date

**Executive Director:**

Signature/Initial Date


**Treasurer (Required:  
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):**

Signature/Initial Date

**Government Relations:**

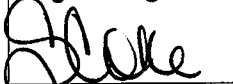
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**Administration Approval:**


  
Signature/Initial Date 8-13-14

**LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:**

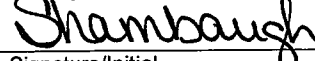
**Legal & Legislative Coordinator:**

  
Signature/Initial Date 8/13/24

**Standing Committee & Date:**

  
Signature/Initial Date 8/29/24

**Chairperson:**

  
Signature/Initial Date

**Cherokee Nation  
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act  Resolution

**TITLE:**

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DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Canaan Duncan

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Mike Shambaugh, Josh Sam, E.O. Smith  
Dora Patzwoski

**NARRATIVE:**

This resolution authorizes Cherokee Nation to become a member of the National Congress of American Indians and to appoint the tribal delegate and alternates.

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