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RESOLUTION NO. 79-25

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN SPARKS AS A
COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on 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 has exclusive tribal jurisdiction over the Cherokee Nation Reservation, the geographic scope of which is defined in federal and Cherokee Nation law; and,

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission was established and codified under Title IV of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated; and,

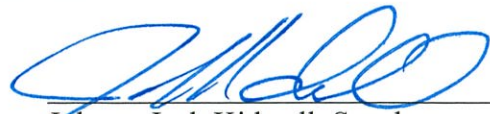
WHEREAS, the Principal Chief is authorized to select members of the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, subject to the majority vote of the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and,

WHEREAS, John Sparks is duly qualified to be reappointed as Commissioner pursuant to Section 21, Chapter 2, Title IV of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated.

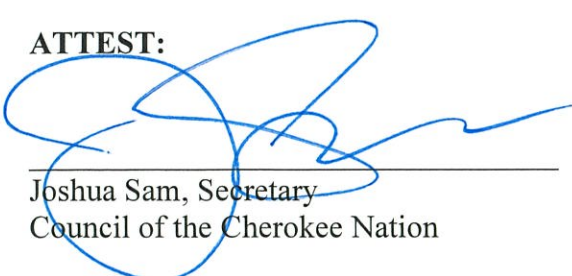
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, that John Sparks is hereby confirmed as a Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, seat four (4), for a term of three (3) years as authorized by Section 21, Chapter 2, Title IV of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated, from November 2025 to November 30, 2028.

CERTIFICATION

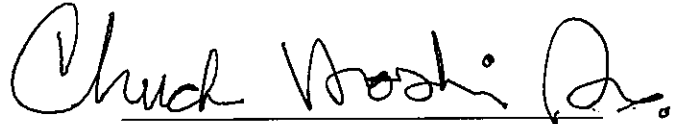
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 10th day of November, 2025, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

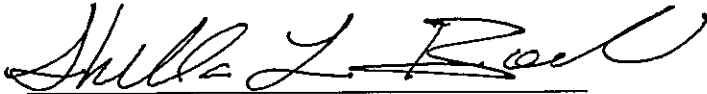

Joshua Sam, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 14th day of November, 2025.

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Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

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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:

Signature/Initial

Date

Administration Approval:

10/14/25


Signature/Initial

Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:**Legal & Legislative Coordinator:**

Signature/Initial

Date

Standing Committee & Date:**Chairperson:**

Signature/Initial

Date

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**☒ Act☐ Resolution**TITLE:****A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN SPARKS AS A
COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
GAMING COMMISSION****DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Chuck Hoskin Jr.**RESOLUTION PRESENTER:** Canaan Duncan**COUNCIL SPONSOR:** Johnny Jack Kidwell, Kevin Easley, Daryl
Legg, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Candessa
Tehee, Kendra McGeady, Josh Sam**NARRATIVE:**

John Sparks is nominated for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, seat four (4), for a term of three (3) years as authorized by Section 21, Chapter 2, Title IV of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated, from November 2025 to November 30, 2028.