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RESOLUTION NO. 05-26

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA PROCTOR AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION 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 Election Commission was created and authorized [by Legislative Act 7-97](#) and amended by [Legislative Act 30-24](#); and,


WHEREAS, Section 11 of said Act authorizes the four (4) previously appointed Commissioners of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission to select a fifth member to be confirmed by the Principal Chief and the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Debra Proctor has been selected as the fifth member of the Election Commission for a four (4) year term, pursuant to Section 11 of the Cherokee Nation Election Code, to be confirmed by the Principal Chief and the Council of the Cherokee Nation (26 CNCA §11).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Debra Proctor is hereby confirmed as a Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, seat five (5), for a term of four (4) years as authorized by 26 CNCA §11, from February 2026 to February 28, 2030.

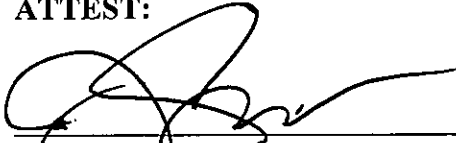
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 9th day of February, 2026, having 13 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 13 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



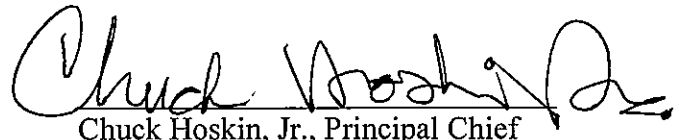
Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



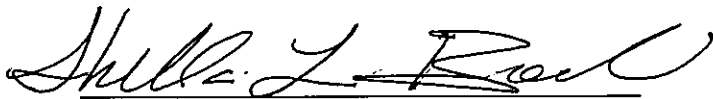
Joshua Sam, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 11th day of February, 2026.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION SELECTING COMMISSIONER AND PRESENTING TO
THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND THE COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION**

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in 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, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission is a constitutional autonomous and permanent entity charged with the administration of all Cherokee Nation elections as set forth in the Cherokee Nation Constitution.


WHEREAS, the Election Code of the Cherokee Nation provides that the four Commissioners appointed by the Principal Chief and Council shall select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be confirmed by the; Principal Chief and Council; and, that in the event of a vacancy created by the resignation of such Commissioner, the remaining four Commissioners shall select a Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of the resigning Commissioner to be confirmed as aforesaid.

WHEREAS, the term of the Commissioner previously selected by the four Commissioners appointed by the four Commissioners appointed by the Principal Chief and Council, and confirmed by the Principal Chief and Council, has expired; and the Four Commissioners desire to select a Fifth Commissioner to serve a four (4) year term and present said Commissioner to the Principal Chief and Council for Confirmation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL that Debra Proctor is selected as the fifth Member of the Election Commission for a 4 year term. To be confirmed by the Principal Chief and Council; and, that the said Debra Proctor is respectively presented to the Principal Chief and Council for confirmation, all pursuant to Section 11 of the Cherokee Nation Election Code (26 CNCA 11).

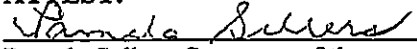
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission at a duly called meeting on the 30th day of December, 2025, having four members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 4 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



Rick Doherty, Chairperson of the
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

ATTEST:



Pamela Sellers, Secretary of the
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Rick Doherty yea Cheryl Cooper yea Pam Sellers yea Sherry Reynolds yea

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act Resolution

Dept/Program:

TITLE:

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA PROCTOR AS A
COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
ELECTION COMMISSION**

Signature/Initial Date

Executive Director:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Canaan Duncan

Signature/Initial Date

Treasurer (Required:
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Kevin Easley, Lisa Hall

Signature/Initial Date

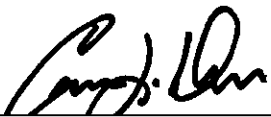
Government Relations:

NARRATIVE:

The purpose of this resolution is to confirm Debra Proctor as a Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, seat five (5), for a term of four (4) years as authorized by 26 CNCA §11, from February 2026 to February 28, 2030

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

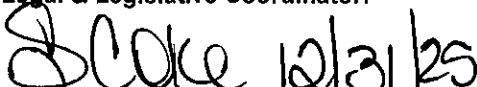


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LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

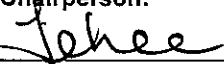

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Standing Committee & Date:

Education 1/12/26

Chairperson:



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