

Committee: Rules

Date: 09/10/25 Committee Date: 09/25/25

Author: Chuck Hoskin Jr

Sponsor: Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley, Joshua Sam, Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Daryl Legg, Clifton Hughes, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Danny Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Uriah Grass, Kendra McGeady, Dora Patzkowski, Lisa Hall, Ashley Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 75-25

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 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 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 fifty-three (53) 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 476,637 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:

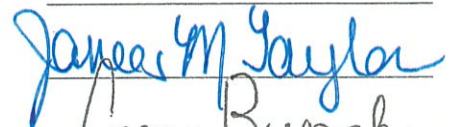
1. **DELEGATE:** Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
2. **ALTERNATE:** Bryan Warner, Deputy Chief
3. **ALTERNATE:** Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
4. **ALTERNATE:** Chad Harsha, Attorney General
5. **ALTERNATE:** Janees Taylor, Treasurer
6. **ALTERNATE:** Corey Bunch, Chief of Staff
7. **ALTERNATE:** Daniel Mead, ~~Acting~~ Marshal
8. **ALTERNATE:** S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veteran Affairs
9. **ALTERNATE:** Christina Justice, Secretary of Natural Resources
10. **ALTERNATE:** Canaan Duncan, Deputy Secretary of State
11. **ALTERNATE:** Kim Teehee, Delegate to Congress
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:** Mike Shambaugh, Special Envoy for the
Department of Justice
15. **ALTERNATE:** Todd Enlow, Housing Exe. Dir./
Advisor to the Chief

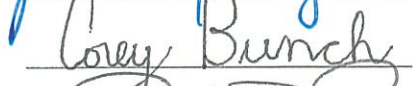


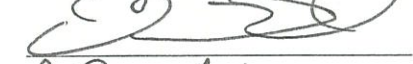






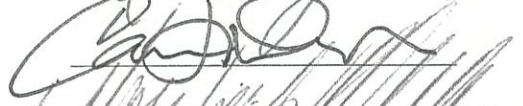








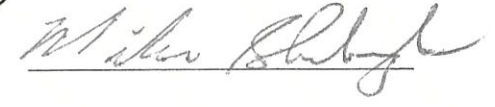


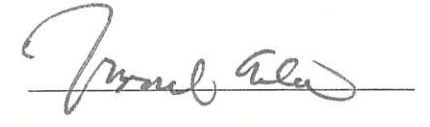







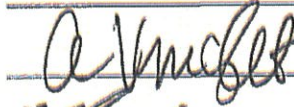


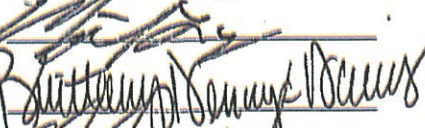


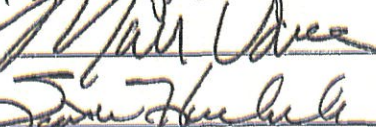


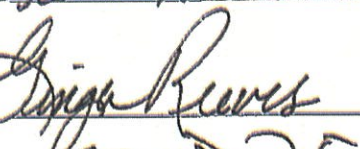
16. ALTERNATE: Stephen Jones, Health Exe. Dir.
17. ALTERNATE: Diane Kelley, Career Services Exe. Dir.
18. ALTERNATE: Anna Knight, Commerce Exe. Dir.
19. ALTERNATE: Michael Lynn Transportation & Infrass Exe. Dir.
20. ALTERNATE: Brittney Denny-Davis, Human Services Exe. Dir.
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21. ALTERNATE: Mark Vance, Education Exe. Dir.
22. ALTERNATE: Samantha Hendricks, Human Resources Exe. Dir.
23. ALTERNATE: Ginger Reeves, Executive Real Estate Services
Exe. Dir.
24. ALTERNATE: Howard Paden, Cherokee Language Exe. Dir.
25. ALTERNATE: Julie Hubbard, Communications 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: David Moore, Facilities Management Exe. Dir.
31. ALTERNATE: Brandon Scott, VP of Enterprise CN/CNB
32. ALTERNATE: Tyler Thomas, Cherokee Phoenix Exe. Dir.
33. ALTERNATE: Keeli Duncan, CEO of Cherokee Elder Care
34. ALTERNATE: Anthony Rodman, Director of Fed. Gov. Affairs
35. ALTERNATE: Logan Lewis, Sr. Manager of Gov. Rel.
36. ALTERNATE: Weston Cox, Manager of Gov. Rel.
37. ALTERNATE: Ashawna Miles, Director of Self-Governance



Diane Kelley

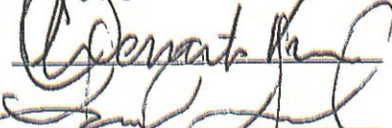

Michael Lynn

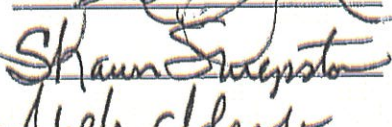

Mark Vance

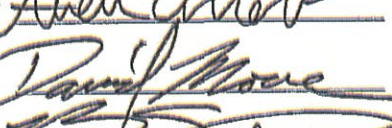

Ginger Reeves



Julie Hubbard

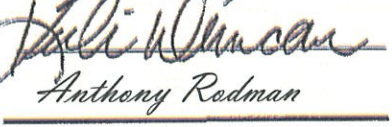

Savannah Smith


Audra Imhoff


Brandon Scott


Keeli Duncan


Logan Lewis


Ashawna Miles

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

38. **ALTERNATE:** Johnny Kidwell, Speaker of the Council, At Large

39. **ALTERNATE:** Kevin Easley, Deputy Speaker of the Council
DIST. 14

40. **ALTERNATE:** Joshua Sam, Secretary of Council, DIST. 7

41. **ALTERNATE:** Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Council Member, DIST. 1

42. **ALTERNATE:** Candessa Tehee, Council Member, DIST. 2

43. **ALTERNATE:** Lisa Hall, Council Member, DIST. 3

44. **ALTERNATE:** Uriah Grass, Council Member, DIST. 4

45. **ALTERNATE:** Ashley Grant, Council Member, DIST. 5

46. **ALTERNATE:** Daryl Legg, Council Member, DIST. 6

47. **ALTERNATE:** Codey Poindexter, Council Member, DIST. 8

48. **ALTERNATE:** Clifton Hughes, Council Member, DIST. 9

49. **ALTERNATE:** Melvina Shotpouch, Council Member, DIST. 10

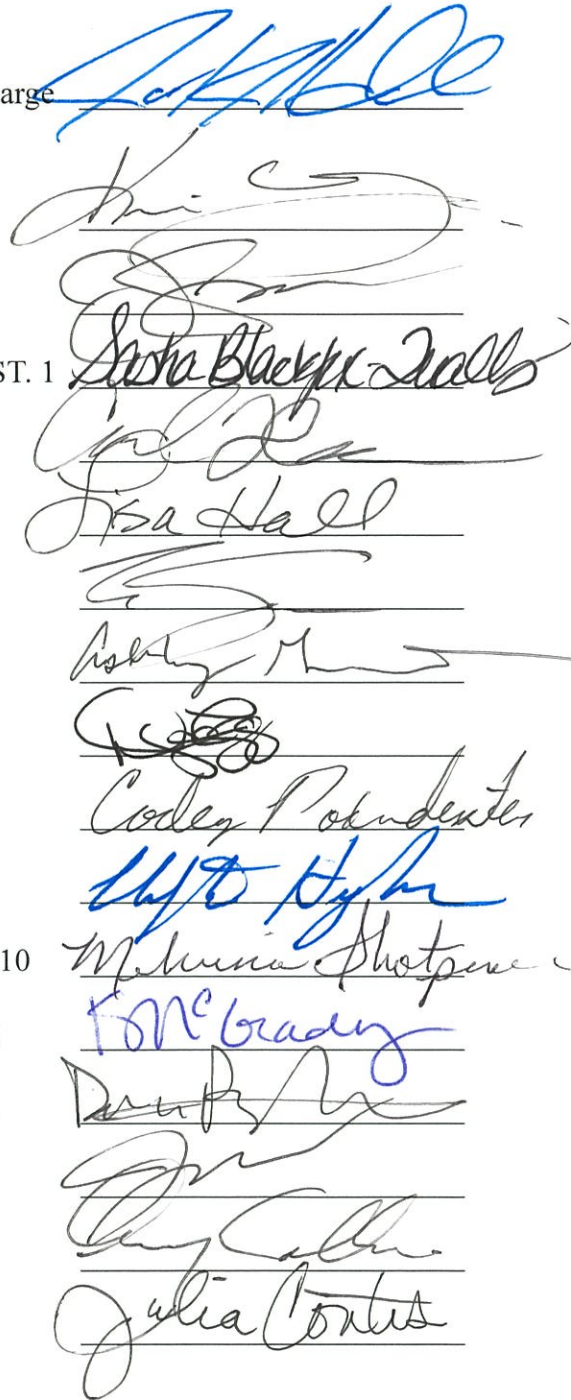
50. **ALTERNATE:** Kendra McGeady, Council Member, DIST. 11

51. **ALTERNATE:** Dora Patzkowski, Council Member, DIST. 12

52. **ALTERNATE:** Joe Deere, Council Member, DIST. 13


53. **ALTERNATE:** Danny Callison, Council Member, DIST. 15

54. **ALTERNATE:** Julia Coates, Council Member, At Large




CERTIFICATION

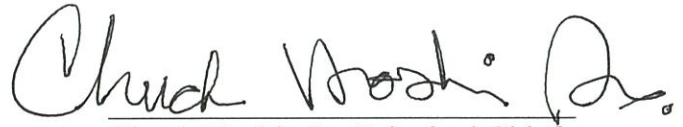
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 30th day of October, 2025, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


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 on this 7th day of November, 2025.


Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**☐

Act

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Resolution

Dept/Program:

TITLE:

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Signature/Initial

Date

Executive Director:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER:

Canaan Duncan

Signature/Initial

Date

Treasurer (Required:
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

Johnny Jack Kidwell, Kevin Easley, Josh Sam,
Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Daryl Legg, Clifton
Hughes, Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Danny
Callison, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey
Poindexter, Candessa Tehee, Uriah Grass,
Kendra McGeady, Dora Patzkowski, Lisa Hall,Ashley Grant**NARRATIVE:**

A resolution authorizing the Cherokee Nation's membership in the National Congress of American Indians and to appoint the tribal delegate and alternates.

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Government Relations:

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Date

Administration Approval:



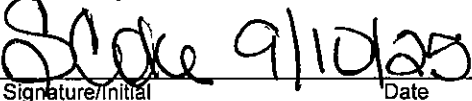
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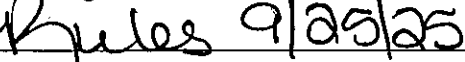
Legal & Legislative Coordinator:



Signature/Initial

Date

Standing Committee & Date:



Chairperson:



Signature/Initial

Date