



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
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Legislation Text

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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, Chadwick Smith will designate one of the below named twenty-two (22) 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 Chadwick Smith, 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 \$25,000, 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 \$25,000 membership fee shall be paid by an equal amount from Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch out of existing appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that, based on the Nation's citizenry of 287,078 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.

DELEGATE: Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief _____

ALTERNATE: Joe Grayson, Jr., Deputy Principal Chief _____

ALTERNATE: Bill John Baker, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Tina Glory Jordan, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: S. Joe Crittenden, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Jodie Fishinghawk, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: David W. Thornton, Sr., Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Janelle Lattimore Fullbright, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Don Garvin, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Harley L. Buzzard, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Curtis G. Snell, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Chris Soap, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Meredith A. Frailey, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Cara Cowan Watts, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Buel Anglen, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Bradley Cobb, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Julia Coates, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Jack D. Baker, Council Member _____

ALTERNATE: Paula Ragsdale, Sr. Legislative Officer _____

ALTERNATE: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

ALTERNATE: Melissa Gower, Government Relations Lead
