



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Legislation Text

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### **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LEE W. PADEN AS JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic continual government-to-government relationship with the United State of America;

**WHEREAS**, Justices of the Supreme Court are authorized in Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article VIII Section 2 of the Constitution, the Justices shall be appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a current vacancy for the Justice of Seat Two (2), with a term of office that expires December 31, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Principal Chief has appointed Lee W. Paden as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, Seat 2, to fulfill the duties of Justice as articulated in Article VIII of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, Lee W. Paden is duly qualified to fill this position.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that Lee W. Paden is hereby confirmed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, Seat 2, to fulfill the duties of Justice as specified in Article VIII of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation for a term beginning September 2018 and ending December 31, 2022.