Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #20-73
AUGUST 26, 2020

Whereas, the Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Business Council met in special session on August 26, 2020, at the Pawnee Nation Building 64 Conference Room, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is federally recognized Tribal entity as listed on the Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs notice at 85 FR 5462 dated Tuesday, May 26, 2020; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation recognizes it is imperative to protect, preserve, and revitalize its Native Language to connect its past with its succeeding generations; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation also recognizes its Native Language interprets the unique story of the Pawnee Nation's culture, traditions, and values, but, fluency in the Language is declining; and

Whereas, the Cultural Resources Division of the Pawnee Nation desires to develop a Language Preservation Project that will increase Pawnee Language fluency for its members through classroom instruction, revitalization activities and digital technology; and

Whereas, the Cultural Resources Division of the Pawnee Nation requests to submit a "Living Languages Grant Program" grant application that states in the Project Narrative the Goals and Objectives to be implemented for the success of the proposed Language Preservation Project intended to protect, preserve, and revitalize the Pawnee Language.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby authorize, approve, and support the submittal of a "Living Languages Grant Program" application for Fiscal Year 2020, to be submitted to the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 26th day of August 2020 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of seven members and one vacant position, of whom 7 were present, 0 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 26th day of August 2020

ATTEST:

Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council

Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Business Council