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Pawnee, Okla. – March 16, 2021, The Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at the request of the Pawnee Nation (Resolution #21-11), has called for a Secretarial Election to be conducted for the attached amendment to the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Article VII, Section 2, Recall. The revisions were proposed by the Pawnee Nation Governing Documents Committee with input from the Pawnee Nation Community and approved for submission by the Pawnee Business Council on January 6, 2021. The proposal was in response to last year's two recall elections which resulted in the recall of four of the Pawnee Business Council members. These revisions come before the people for a vote on May 1, 2021. The question that will be asked on the ballot is a YES or NO question. Yes, you are in favor of the amendments, or No you are not in favor of the amendments.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS (RED-LINED):

ARTICLE VII-FORFEITURE, RECALL, SUSPENSION, REMOVAL

Section 2. Recall –

- (i) A petition for recall of any member of the Pawnee Business Council shall be:
 - a) filed with by the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, and
 - b) verified by the Enrollment Department that signed by ~~twentythree~~ **thirty five** per-cent (**35%**) of the number of voters who voted in the last regular election signed the petition, and
 - c) pay a filing fee not to exceed of fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the last regular election-\$4,000 payable to the Election Commission.
- (ii) After receipt of the verified recall petition, the Election Commission shall call and hold a recall election-conduct within sixty (60) business days but not before thirty (30) business days-an election on such recall.
- (iii) Recall shall be effective only if a majority of those voting shall vote in favor of such a recall and that at least 50~~fifty~~ per-cent (50%) + one (1) of the number voting in the previous election vote in the recall election.
- (iv) Once a member has faced a recall attempt, no further recall action shall be brought against that member until at least twelve (12) consecutive months have passed. No member of the Pawnee Business Council shall be subject to a recall action within the first sixtwelve (612) months of that member's term.

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 - a) filed with the Pawnee Nation Election Commission,
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- (ii) After receipt of the verified recall petition, the Election Commission shall call and hold a recall election within sixty (60) business days but not before thirty (30) business days.
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