RESOLUTION

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 emergency session on August 31, 2021, on Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMs duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

WHEREAS, The Pawnee Business Council passed Resolution #04-30 establishing the Pawnee Nation Academy in August 2004. Subsequently, the school became known as the Pawnee Nation College (“PNC”); and

WHEREAS, The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (“NTIA”) is offering a grant opportunity to provide broadband connectivity to Tribal Lands and institutions, and PNC is eligible to apply and receive grant funding under the NTIA Program per Notice of Funding Opportunity Number NTIA-TBC-TBCO-2021-2006948; Additionally, PNC is eligible under 4(C)(1); and

WHEREAS, Promoting broadband adoption and use would benefit the community of PNC significantly and would be a critical development in enabling PNC to respond to the COVID pandemic and provide opportunities for economic recovery due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Through the NTIA Program, PNC qualifies for at least five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) of federal funding that will directly benefit the college and improve access and adoption of broadband; It is the intent and purpose of PNC to apply for funds for Broadband Use and Adoption only.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve and support the PNC grant application for Broadband under NTIA-TBC-TBSCO-2021-2006948 and the adoption for its own unique needs and goals.

CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipee, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 31st day of August 2021 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 not voting.

Signed this 31st day of August 2021

ATTTEST:

George Gardipee, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council

Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council