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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Online Tag Renewal now available for Pawnee citizens

PAWNEE NATION – Tuesday, September 27, 2022 -- Last week, the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission announced the launch of their online vehicle or "tag" renewal as a new service and protection for Pawnee Nation citizens who use the Tax Commission for their vehicle registration. The initiative was developed when the need to provide virtual services took an upswing during the COVID Pandemic and shutdown, according to the Tax Commission Manager Lyle Fields.

Fields and Tax Assistant Melody Nanaeto are among the Pawnee Nation team who worked to help develop the online tag renewal service. They worked closely with Tax Commission Director Kathy Daniels to make Pawnee Nation one of a handful among the thirty-nine native nations in the state to now provide this convenient and safe service for their citizens.

Tax Commission Director Kathy Daniels stated "this online renewal system has been a longtime dream of mine for the Pawnee Nation but the Nation was not able to fund this major project. I wanted to make it more convenient for Tribal Members to renew their tags so they wouldn't have to take off work, drive a distance, and obtain their tag renewals in a timelier manner."

"We used COVID funding in an effort, at that time, to provide a safer alternative to coming inperson to register vehicles," Fields said. In accordance with Pawnee Nation allocations and expenditures procedure, the money to hire a team and build the online portal took place after approval by the Tax Commissioners and a resolution for the project by the Pawnee Business Council.

The Pawnee Nation contracted Intertribal Software Consultants and OneTribe in November 2020 to build the online registration software and completed the beta testing phase in late August of this year. The system is now live and ready for all Pawnee Nation tag customers to renew their tags online.

Questions related to the online renewal system can be answered by Tax Commission staff at (918) 762-3624. Renew your tag online at tagrenewal.pawneenation.org.

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