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- (i) The governmental powers of the Pawnee Business Council, acting for the sovereign Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall extend to all persons and to all real and personal property including lands and other natural resources, and to all waters and air space, within the Indian Country over which the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma has jurisdiction. The governmental powers of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall also extend outside the exterior boundaries of Indian Country to any persons or properties which are, or may be included within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
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- (iii) The Constitution is the supreme law of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and all persons subject to its jurisdiction. The Pawnee Business Council shall exercise its power consistent with the provisions of this Constitution and the Corporate Charter of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

[Redlined Revisions]

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