



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #23-03
JANUARY 27, 2023

RESOLUTION

Approving Participation in Additional Opioid Settlements

- 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 January 27, 2023, at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation has a pending lawsuit in *Pawnee Nation v. Purdue Pharma et. al*, in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, against AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson, Janssen, and Johnson & Johnson (Settling Distributors) claiming damages for the Settling Distributors role in the opioid epidemic that caused damages to the Pawnee Nation; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation Business Council on June 24, 2022 by Resolution #22-45 approved the terms and conditions of the settlement offer made by Settling Distributors and voted to accept the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and Release the Settling Distributors from any and all claims the Tribe has against the Settling Opioid Distributors as presented by Curtis "Muskrat" Bruehl, attorney representing the Pawnee Nation; and
- Whereas,** Attorney Curtis Bruehl advises that five additional settlements have been reached to resolve the tribal opioid lawsuits against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS. The net value of these settlements for all participating tribes over fifteen years is approximately \$546 million with \$82 million being set aside for litigation fees and costs; and
- Whereas,** The remaining \$464 million will be distributed to Indian Country pursuant to a Final Inter-Tribal allocation matrix that is being created by former U.S. District Judge Layne Phillips and Special Master David Cohen. This allocation will decide how the settlement funds are to be distributed amongst all Indian tribes and should be completed in the very near future; and
- Whereas,** It is in the best interest of the Pawnee Nation to participate in these settlements by signing Tribal Participation forms tendered on about January 10, 2023 to the President and returning them to Attorney Curtis Bruehl who represents the Pawnee Nation in this litigation.

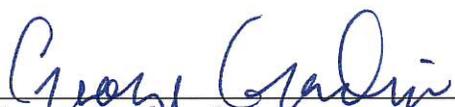
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the Pawnee Nation's participation in these additional settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS and authorizes the President to sign Tribal Participation forms tendered by Attorney Curtis Bruehl.

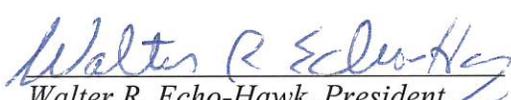
CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 27th day of January 2023 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 1 not voting.

Signed this 27th day of January 2023

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Business Council