



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #23-06
FEBRUARY 4, 2023

PROCLAMATION

- 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 quarterly session on February 4, 2023, at the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Conference Room, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation shares in the mourning of the last living grandson of Scout William Riding In, former Pitahawirata Chief, and former PBC President, Mr. Ronald Rice Sr., Aċiksâwarâresaru; and
- Whereas,** after learning about the passing of President Rice on February 1, 2023, the Pawnee Business Council wishes to issue a Proclamation to declare the Nation's deep appreciation for his work; and
- Whereas,** during his time as a Pitahawirata Chief and on Council, President Rice worked to strengthen the Pawnee Nation and the culture; and
- Whereas,** through his leadership the Pawnee Nation selected an official seal, the Hukasa Learning Center was established that laid the foundation for our current Pawnee Nation Learning Center, the casino industry entered the Travel Plaza to introduce the beginning of growth, Pawnee TDC regained mangership of the Trading Post, Pawnee Nation was awarded the ANA-SED Grant to update the capacity in our Tribal Buildings, the Pawnee Nation Academy began opening its doors for enrollment, and the Pawnee Health Center was completed ; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council wishes to extend and express its deep appreciation to the family of President Ronald Rice Sr. for allowing the Pawnee Nation to share in the joy of his leadership and achievements; and
- Whereas,** today the Pawnee Nation will continue forward with the abilities given by Creator for the betterment and progression of the Pawnee Nation to benefit all our Tribal members; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with respect for the passing of former Pawnee Business Council President Ronald Rice Sr., Aċiksâwarâresaru, the Pawnee Nation sends condolences to his loving wife Minnie Rice, and his family during their time of mourning.

CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Quarterly Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 4th day of February 2023 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 6 were present, 2 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 4th day of February 2023

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Business Council