



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #23-09  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

## 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 Articles IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council met in special session on February 28, 2023, at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation desires to provide a wider range of programs and services based on the priorities established by the Pawnee Nation government; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation requests to participate in the Department of the Interior's Title IV Tribal Self-Governance program which will give the Pawnee Nation the flexibility to incorporate and/or redesign more effective Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) programs, in addition to having the authority to reallocate BIA funding where the need exists in response to the changing needs of its members; and
- Whereas,** The Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-413) enables the Pawnee Nation to Plan, Conduct, Consolidate, and Administer Programs, Services, Functions, and Activities, through a Title IV Tribal Self-Governance compact according to mutually agreed upon responsibilities of the Pawnee Nation and the Department of Interior's Office of Self-Governance; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation has conducted planning activities, completed legal and budgetary research according to 25 CFR Chapter VI, Part 1000, Subpart B, §1000.10 through §1000.31; and has demonstrated its financial stability and financial management capabilities for the past three years; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Nation desires to submit the application, according to the regulations for Self-Governance at 25 CFR Part 1000, for participation in Tribal Self-Governance to compact certain Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs, Services, Functions, and Activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the request to submit to the Department of Interior's Office of Self-Governance, the application to compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as authorized under Title IV Tribal Self-Governance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pawnee Business Council does hereby authorize the President, Executive Director, and the Grants and Contracts Office to develop, review, and take all necessary actions to negotiate the Title IV Tribal Self-Governance compact and Funding Agreement with the Department of Interior's Office of Self-Governance.

## CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a regular meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, comprising a quorum; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

*Signed this 28th day of February 2023*

ATTEST:

  
George Gardipe, Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council

  
Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President  
Pawnee Business Council