



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #23-33  
JUNE 25, 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 Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in an Emergency Meeting session on June 25, 2023, via Microsoft TEAMS, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation also acknowledges that the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared a *State of Emergency* on June 20, 2023, for the following counties: Tulsa, Pawnee, Payne, Creek, Wagoner, Delaware, Harper, Mayes, Rogers, and Choctaw due to “*Severe weather that caused power outages and a need to protect critical infrastructure*”; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby find and declare that conditions affecting public health, welfare, education, and employment have arisen within and throughout the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma caused by the severe storms; and
- Whereas,** these damages may result in undue human suffering and hardship and safety, health, welfare and well- being of the citizens and local economy of Pawnee Nation; and
- Whereas,** an emergency declaration may implement all locally available resources that may be available to respond to the severe storm disaster within the state and federal government to organize and prepare to respond, mitigate and alleviate the effects of this impending disaster and be able to meet the needs of the situation to protect Pawnee Nation and its people; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation Business Council hereby declares a *State of Emergency* for the Pawnee Nation and has already activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) due to the damages of the severe storms, setting up an emergency fund account and for expending local resources, and for requesting aid, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of Oklahoma and the United States Government and this action will remain in force until such time the storm disaster has been remedied and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the *Declaration of a State of Emergency* for the Pawnee Nation and has activated the Emergency Operations Center due to the severe storm disaster and to remain in force until such time when the damages can be remedied, and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Proclamation shall be effective immediately.

## CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that an Emergency Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 7 were present, 1 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

*Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023*

ATTEST:

  
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*George Gardipe, Secretary*  
*Pawnee Business Council*

  
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*Misty M. Nuttle, President*  
*Pawnee Business Council*