



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21-20
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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 special session on February 23, 2021, at the Pawnee Nation Building 64 Conference Room, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation also acknowledges that the Governor of the State of Oklahoma requested a *Federal Disaster Declaration* on February 17, 2021 due to “*Historic series of winter storms beginning February 8, 2021 and has caused a combination of nearly two weeks of record-breaking low temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain has had significant impact on community across the state*”, which included the County of Pawnee which includes the Pawnee Nation; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation also acknowledges that the “*President of the United States declared on February 18, 2021 that an emergency exists in the State of Oklahoma and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from a severe winter storm beginning on February 8, 2021 and continuing*”; 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 winter storm disaster that began on February 8, 2021; 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 winter weather 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 winter weather disaster, 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 winter weather 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 historic winter storms and to remain in force until such time when the damages can be remedied, and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

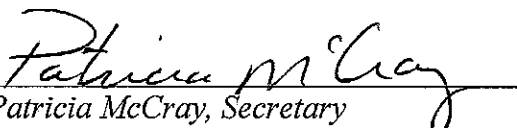
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation shall be effective immediately.

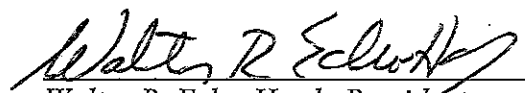
CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 23rd day of February 2021 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 23rd day of February 2021

ATTEST:


Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council