



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21-38
JUNE 5, 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 June 5, 2021, at the Pawnee Nation Ceremonial Roundhouse, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** Tribal consultation and coordination is a process that guides the United States government to engage in a true and lasting government-to-government relationship with Federally recognized Tribes; and
- Whereas,** the unique legal status of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes creates an important requirement for governmental entities, and other stakeholders, to understand that the Federal government must consult directly with and give special deference to Tribal governments when contemplating actions that may affect Tribal lands, resources, members, and welfare; and
- Whereas,** meaningful consultation is of paramount importance in developing any policies affecting Tribal nations as described in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, Executive Orders, administrative rules and regulations, and judicial decisions; and
- Whereas,** the Federal trust responsibility requires the Federal government to uphold rights reserved by, or granted to, Indian Tribes and Indian individuals by treaties, federal statutes, and executive orders; and
- Whereas,** honoring these government-to-government relationships and respecting the sovereignty of Tribal nations is critical to advancing Tribal self-determination and prosperity; and
- Whereas,** Tribal sovereignty refers to the inherent authority of indigenous Tribes to govern themselves and current Federal policy in the United States recognizes this sovereignty and stresses the government-to-government relations between the United States and Tribal governments; and
- Whereas,** as the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma possesses the inherent sovereign authority to make laws and govern within the Tribe's territorial jurisdiction, this Statute is established to:
- (a) Strengthen Pawnee Tribal self-government and prosperity;
 - (b) Provide protection for persons and property within the Pawnee Nation's territorial jurisdiction;
 - (c) Promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Pawnee Tribal community; and
 - (d) Enforce the rule of Pawnee Tribal law; and
- Whereas,** this "Statute" will take effect upon final approval by the Pawnee Business Council and replaces any existing provisions.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council hereby approves and enacts into law the "Pawnee Nation Government-to-Government Consultation Statute" to take effect immediately and to be codified in accordance with the codification system that is currently being developed.

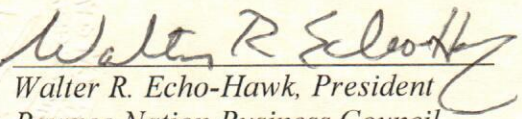
CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 5th day of June 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 5th day of June 2021

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


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

