



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21-41  
JUNE 5, 2021  
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

## 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,** the Pawnee Nation and its citizens have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as evidenced by closure of facilities due to an attempt to mitigate the spread of the virus resulting in a loss of revenue from tribal enterprises, increasing food, utility, fuel, medical and housing expenses among other negative economic effects; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council recommends the following appropriation from funds received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$9,112,500.00; and
- Whereas,** each enrolled Pawnee Nation Citizen as of June 5th, 2021 with the need of recovery relief due to the COVID-19 Pandemic shall be able to apply for the "Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Assistance Program" for cash assistance up to the amount of \$2,500 based on their eligibility due to their negative economic impact from the Pandemic; and
- Whereas,** the deadline to apply for the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Assistance Program will be December 31, 2022
- Whereas,** these funds should be automatically transferred to the Pawnee Nation or in the special account set up for allocation.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$9,112,500 to provide relief assistance based on Citizen need due to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic through the "Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Assistance Program" with a deadline of December 31, 2022.

## CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022*

ATTEST:

  
George Gardipe, Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council

  
Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President  
Pawnee Business Council