



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21- 24
MARCH 16, 2021

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- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in special session on March 16, 2021, at the Pawnee Nation Building 64, Conference Room, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation acknowledges that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Coronavirus a pandemic; and
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- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby find and declare that conditions affecting public health, welfare, education, and employment have arisen with and throughout the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- Whereas,** the emergency declaration has implemented all locally available resources that are available to respond to the COVID-19 virus 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 continues the *State of Emergency* for the Pawnee Nation as declared on March 24, 2020 with changes to the limitations and requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the revised Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Pawnee Nation and has activated the Emergency Operations Center due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 and to remain in force until such time when this Pandemic has been contained and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Proclamation shall be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the limitation of events or gatherings of 10 people or more within the Pawnee Nation's jurisdictions has been lifted and will be managed through guidance from the CDC.

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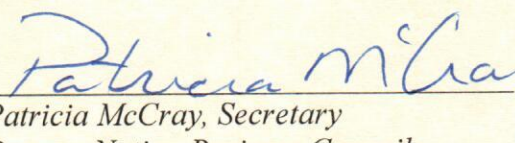
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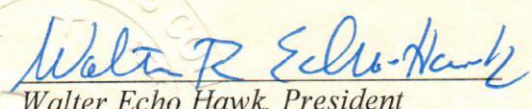
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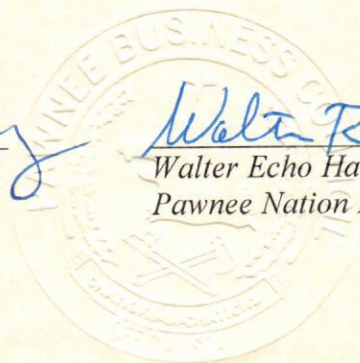
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Signed this 16th day of March 2021

ATTEST:


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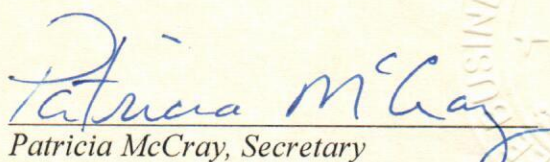
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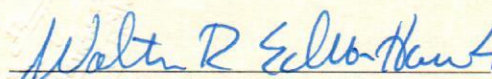
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