



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #22-73
OCTOBER 27, 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 virtual session on October 27, 2022, on Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMS, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council agrees in principle with respect to the support of a broadband project for the general purposes of helping people and businesses living and operating in rural communities within the Nation's historic boundaries and reservation to gain access to reliable high-speed broadband service at a low cost, to receive improved health care and educational services, and to improve their overall quality of life (the "Broadband Project").
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation is eligible to receive federal funding from the ReConnect Program through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of USDA, and is requesting funding from RUS of up to \$25,000,000 and will contribute all award dollars toward the Broadband Project; and
- Whereas,** the agreements entered upon between the Pawnee Nation and Indian Electric Cooperative (IEC) stated in Pawnee Nation Tribal Resolution #22-20 shall remain current and binding for the current funding through RUS in order to accomplish the objectives set forth in the grant application; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation believes that the Broadband Project will facilitate the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure and will fuel long-term rural economic development and opportunities in the Nation's historic boundaries and reservation.

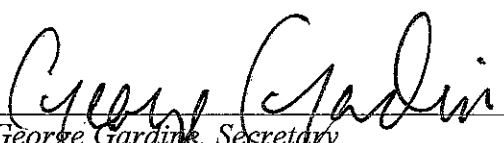
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby authorize the President to apply for the ReConnect Grant for providing broadband service to Pawnee members and those within the historic territory of the Pawnee Nation.

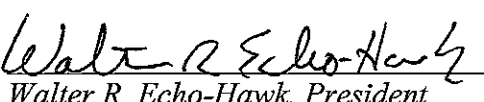
CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 27th day of October 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 27th day of October 2022

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


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