



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21-75  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022

## PROCLAMATION

- 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 November 10, 2022, at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation shares in the mourning of a respectable leader, Tribal member and former PBC President, Mr. George Elton Howell; and
- Whereas,** after learning about the passing of President Howell on October 27, 2022, the Pawnee Business Council wishes to issue a Proclamation to declare the Nation's deep appreciation for his life-long work; and
- Whereas,** over his two-term period, President Howell worked to strengthen the Pawnee Nation and was instrumental in establishing various Health, Economic, Educational, Environmental, and Employment opportunities; and
- Whereas,** prior to becoming President, he dedicated his life to serving Indian Country as (1) Chief Executive Officer for the Indian Health Service, (2) Chairman to the National Direct Service Tribes of Indian health Service and Behavioral Health Programs, (3) Head Accountant for the Southern Ute Tribe (4) Alcohol Counselor Instructor, (5) CEO of a Substance Abuse Center, (6) CEO of Kansas Kickapoo Health Center, and (7) Chairman for the Board of Trustees with the Pawnee Nation College ; and
- Whereas,** through these leadership roles over the course of his life, President Howell was preparing himself to lead the Pawnee Nation into the twenty-first century; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council wishes to extend and express its deep appreciation to the family of President George E. Howell for allowing the Pawnee Nation to share in the joy of his leadership and achievements; and
- Whereas,** today the Pawnee Nation will continue forward with his teaching that "You always leave a place better than it was when you first got there."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** with respect for the passing of former Pawnee Business Council President George E. Howell, the Pawnee Nation will close the offices for the funeral services and burial to honor his legacy, commemorate his life, and acknowledge his great service to the Pawnee Nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Pawnee Nation sends condolences to his loving wife Pat Howell, and his family during their time of mourning.

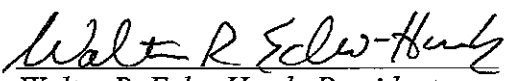
## CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022*

ATTEST:

  
George Gardipe, Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council

  
Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President  
Pawnee Business Council