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Office of the Chief

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August 28, 2019

Dear Cherokee Community Leader:

Yesterday I signed an executive order designed to enhance how Cherokee Nation interacts with its at-large citizens and their community leaders. This is part of my commitment to serve at-large Cherokee Nation citizens, but also to listen to at-large community leaders. A copy of the executive order is attached.

Executive Order 2019-02-CTH:

- Establishes an Advisory Board made up of at-large community organization leaders
- Provides opportunities for meaningful feedback to my administration, including the Community and Cultural Outreach department (CCO). We will do so through quarterly calls advisory committee calls that will include your at-large councilors. In addition to the existing schedule of visits by Cherokee Nation leaders and staff each year.
- Builds on the grant program we established last year so that at-large organizations have more resources to build capacity, strength and a stronger sense of self-determination. (One idea is to help you reach out to Cherokee citizens in your area through direct mail, inviting them one of your organization's meeting to help boost turnout and membership).
- Provides your organization with timely and reliable technical assistance, such as board governance, achieving 501(c)(3) status.
- Provides an official charter for at-large organizations. All existing satellite communities in good standing under Cherokee Nation Community Association (CNCA) will automatically receive charters. These charters will be subject to substantially the same types of requirements as required by CNCA, with the goal of insuring that Cherokee Nation citizens govern the organizations.
- Maintains existing engagement program, including bi-annual culture or history presentations, the annual Chief's visit and the CCO conference. But, ensures that we have a means of getting feedback from our at-large leaders so that we can enhance these visits.

Long before I began in public service to the Cherokee people, community organizers and Cherokee Nation leaders put a great deal of time and effort into the cause of organizing at-large communities. This includes CNCA, which provided a foundation on which at-large organizations could grow. As CNCA winds down its operations in September, the new Advisory Committee will continue supporting at large community organizations and, in my view, enhance that support.

I am excited for the formation of this new committee that will allow for a better opportunity for our at-large communities to have a more direct dialogue with both my office and the CCO department. Organizing with in our communities is a cause I believe in. I want to contribute to and continue to build upon this effort as your Chief. It is a cause that both of your at-large councilors and the staff of CCO believe in. I thank each of you for your time and devotion to your respective at-large community groups and look forward to visiting you soon.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Hoskin, Jr." in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

2019-02-CTH

1. **Authority:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
2. **Policy:** The Principal Chief is committed to enhancing civic and cultural engagement between the Cherokee Nation and at-large citizens living outside the exterior boundaries of the Cherokee Nation. It is the policy of this administration to elevate the voice of the at-large community to ensure the needs and perspectives of at-large tribal citizens are considered in future policy initiatives of the Cherokee Nation and to support community organization among at-large citizens.
3. **At-Large Cherokee Advisory Committee:** There is hereby established an At-Large Cherokee Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) that shall serve as a platform to gather feedback and perspectives on policy matters and emerging issues of interest to the at-large community of Cherokee citizens. The Advisory Committee, selected by the Principal Chief, shall consist of the following individuals:
 - a.) the Director of the Cherokee Nation Community Culture & Outreach (CCO), and such other person as the Director may designate from time to time on a temporary basis, who shall serve as the Advisory Committee chair;
 - b.) four (4) Cherokee citizens with substantial ties to the at-large community and whose terms shall ordinarily be one year except to stagger initial terms; and
 - c.) such other individuals or support staff as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Advisory Committee.
4. **Advisory Committee Mission:** The Advisory Committee shall be charged with the following core objectives:
 - a.) engage with the at-large citizens and satellite community organizations to explore community-based policy priorities;

- b.) identify gaps in the delivery of available support and outreach to at-large tribal citizens and satellite community organizations;
- c.) identify opportunities to promote language preservation, cultural enrichment, civic activities, and community fellowship;
- d.) identify at-large Cherokee citizens that demonstrate leadership in maintaining cultural integrity, promoting tribal values, civic engagement, volunteerism or business acumen; and
- e.) conduct Advisory Committee meetings on no less than a quarterly basis, including by conference calls accessible to representatives of satellite community organizations.

5. Participation of At-Large Council Members: The Advisory Committee shall provide notice of Advisory Committee meetings to at-large members of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council and receive input from said Council members as to Advisory Committee affairs.

4. Chartered Cherokee Community Organizations: The Principal Chief shall issue a charter to at-large based Cherokee community organizations based on recommendations from the Director of CCO. All organizations designated as satellite community organizations by Cherokee Nation Community Association, as of the date of this Order, shall automatically receive said charters. Community organizations chartered in accordance with this Order shall receive grant opportunities and other monetary or in-kind services, based on available funding and administered by CCO, and in exchange shall comply with reasonable requirements relating to non-profit status, organizational governance, organizational membership and appropriate use or depiction of Cherokee art and culture. The Director of CCO shall develop policies and procedures to effectuate this section of this Order.

4. Order: It is hereby ordered that the Advisory Committee is established and procedures for chartering satellite community organizations shall be promulgated consistent with this Order.

5. Effective Date: This Order is effective immediately on this 27th day of August, 2019.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation