

QUAPAW NATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 093023-A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUAPAW NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO FULLY AND EQUALLY DISTRIBUTE THE BEAR SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe (the "Nation" or the "Tribe" or "Tribal ") and is governed by the Resolution Authorizing the Quapaw Nation Business Committee to Speak and Act on Behalf of the Quapaw Nation of Indians, known as the "Governing Resolution" adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957;

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Nation asserts its jurisdiction to the fullest extent recognized by law over the lands within the original Quapaw Reservation, as established as a homeland for the Quapaw Nation by the Treaty of May 13, 1833;

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Nation;

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Nation Business Committee is thus empowered and obligated to transact Tribal Business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Nation in all matters;

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Nation Business Committee is entrusted and obligated to transact the Nation's business, including, but not limited to, the Quapaw Nation economic development, the establishment of Quapaw Nation enterprises, enacting resolutions, laws, and policies for the best interest of the Quapaw Nation; and

WHEREAS, by petition, as enacted by Resolution 091821-A, the Quapaw Nation membership directed the Business Committee to distribute the settlement funds in the amount of \$137,500,000.00 paid from the case of Thomas Charles Bear, et al., v. United States, Case No. 13-51x ("Bear Settlement proceeds") filed in the United States Court of Claims to be distributed equally to each enrolled member of the Quapaw Nation as of September 27, 2019, who are still living at the time of distribution.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Quapaw Nation Indian Council hereby affirms the elected Quapaw Nation Business Committee's delegated authority to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Nation to ensure the Bear Settlement proceeds, once authorized, and appropriated by Congress, be fully and equally distributed to all enrolled Quapaw Citizens as of September 27, 2019, still living at the time of distribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Quapaw Nation Indian Council approves the Quapaw Nation Business Committee to distribute the Bear Settlement proceeds, fully and equally to all enrolled Quapaw Citizens as of September 27, 2019, still living at the time of distribution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution of the Quapaw Nation was presented at a duly called Quapaw Nation Special General Council meeting on September 30, 2023, with a vote reflecting 457 yes, 13 no, and, 3 abstaining.


Wena Supernaw, Chair
Quapaw Nation Business Committee


Sonny Glass, Vice-Chair
Quapaw Nation Business Committee