

**JOINT RESOLUTION BY AND BETWEEN THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION
AND THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA COMMITTING TO CONTINUED
PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GROWTH AND STRENGTH OF THE RESPECTIVE
ENTITIES**

Resolved by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (the “Nation”) and The City of Shawnee, Oklahoma (the “City”) (together, “Entities”):

WHEREAS, the Nation is a federally-recognized tribal government which possesses sovereign powers and rights of self-government since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City is a duly-organized political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma, a state of the United States of America which possesses the sovereign powers and rights of a state; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has more than 36,000 Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has more than 31,000 citizens residing within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has made its home in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma from as early as 1869; and

WHEREAS, the City was officially founded in 1895; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Nation have neighboring jurisdictions, maintain a government-to-government relationship, and have overlapping citizenries and interrelated economies; and

WHEREAS, the Nation and the City, as neighbors, each benefit by and to the success of the other, and their futures successes are inextricably linked; and

WHEREAS, disputes between the City and the Nation hamper both governments’ efforts to provide for their citizens and strengthen their economies; and

WHEREAS, the Nation and the City desire to move forward in a spirit of mutual respect and admiration in order to set aside past disagreements; and

WHEREAS, the City’s and the Nation’s governmental officials, agents, representatives, and employs will strive to maintain open lines of dialogue and communication in a spirit of comity; and

WHEREAS, the Nation and the City will seek opportunities to cooperate and collaborate to the mutual benefit of their citizenries and to enhance the prosperity of this region; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Nation stride ahead in the confidence that they will accomplish greater things in harmony than they could ever envision in former discord; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will bring certainty, respect, acceptance, and a commonality of purpose that ushers in a new era of partnership.

NOW THEREFORE, the City and the Nation hereby agree that, in the spirit of cooperation for the good of the citizens of the respective entities, and to further economic development and success, the following are areas in which joint cooperation is imperative to a prosperous future:

- I. WATER
 - a. The entities pledge to keep open communication and good faith efforts regarding the provision of water and water system improvements to their respective territories and citizens.
 - b. Contemplated agreements may include, but are not limited to, water boundary redistricting, sale of water between the entities, water territory swaps, joint efforts in water treatment, facilitation of establishment and upkeep of utility easements, etc.
- II. EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - a. The entities pledge to keep open communication and good faith efforts regarding the retention and provision of emergency services, such as fire protection, ambulance service, and police protection.
 - b. Contemplated agreements may include, but are not limited to, agreements which extend protective boundaries including those which traverse the territorial lines of the entities, etc.
- III. PUBLIC FACILITIES
 - a. The Entities pledge to keep open communication and good faith efforts regarding the improvement of public facilities.
 - b. Contemplated agreements may include, but are not limited to, combined grants and/or funding applications, agreements clarifying responsibilities in regards to upkeep of public facilities, etc.
- IV. OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE
 - a. The Entities pledge to keep open communication and good faith efforts regarding any and all overall quality of life improvement projects or initiatives.
 - b. Contemplated agreements may include, but are not limited to, joint requisition of public arts, parks, and/or entertainment, joint applications to attract future economic investment, joint solicitation of both large scale and small scale business acquisition, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

By: JOHN A. BARRETT,
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

By: ED BOLT,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA LASYONE, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)