

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421-R- 01

Resolution to amend the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tag Office Policies and Procedures

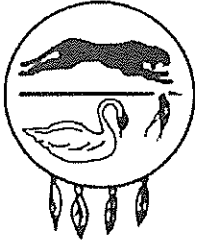
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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Article IX, Section 1, empowers the Business Committee to protect and preserve the interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to protecting and preserving the interests of the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to the concept of Indian Tribes functioning as sovereign governments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize amendments to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tag Office Policies and Procedures. (Amended Policies and Procedures attached)



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421-R- 02

Resolution authorizing the expansion of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tags Program

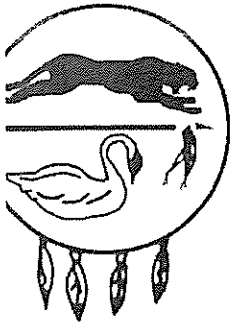
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WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to the concept of Indian Tribes functioning as sovereign governments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize an amendment to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tags Program to allow all Eastern Shawnee Tribal Members whose Primary Residence is within the State of Oklahoma to register their personal vehicles through the Tribe.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421R-03

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the FY 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant Application by the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR).

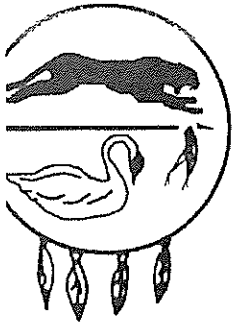
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WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to protecting and preserving the interests of the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to the concept of Indian Tribes functioning as sovereign governments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby support and wish to authorize the submission of the FY2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant Application for Purpose Area #1: Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS).



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421R-04

Authorizing the Eastern Shawnee Haven Program to submit a OVW FY 2021 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program Grant available through the Office on Violence Against Women

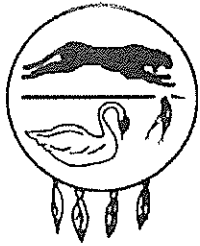
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WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to protecting and preserving the interests of the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to the concept of Indian Tribes functioning as sovereign governments; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Haven Program to submit funding request from the Office On Violence Against Women for an approximate amount of at least \$830,486. Funds will be used for the continuation of Haven's already existing Transitional Housing Program (funded by the 2018 OVW Coordinated Tribal Assistance Purpose Area 5 Grant) that supports the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and services to assist all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The 2021 OVW Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program Grant is designed to build upon and extend current OVW programs funded in 2018. This would allow the 2021 grant to extend our current Transitional Housing Program and ensure continued care for victims for an additional 3 years (with an additional 2 years noncompetitive to be added on the end). Funds from this grant will be used to provide staffing, long term transitional housing assistance, and outreach and education. No matching funds are required.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421-R- 05

(PROTECTING AND RESTORING CULTURE AND SPIRITUALITY PART I)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, herein after "Tribe," is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, with a Constitution approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on April 4, 1994 and amended on March 2, 1999; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, *inter alia*, the Business Committee has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the protection and preservation of Tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shawnee history, customs, traditions and culture, the Tribe has a Ceremonial Chief for the Tribe whose role is to minister to the people, teach, counsel, and advise the membership and leadership about religious and spiritual matters as well as other issues which concern the Tribe and Tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds that the Tribe has already set aside tribal lands specifically for ceremonies and spiritual purposes; and

WHEREAS, traditionally a Ceremonial Chief is a leader of ceremony and spiritual activities, teachings, which includes working with spiritual advisers, assistants, fire keepers who sacrifice for the greater of the people without compensation or recognition, rightfully, are to be held in the highest regard, even higher than political leaders; and

WHEREAS, there has been unjustified overt as well as covert abuse/misuse, disregard and attacks directed upon the Ceremonial Chief and his authority for carrying out his leadership role and calling, including desecration of sacred objects, knowingly or unknowingly by certain leaders and their followers; and

WHEREAS, the apathy, ignorance and erosion of respect for spiritual and sacred cultural resources are diminishing as is the Ceremonial Chief's authority; evidenced by desecration of a sacred pipe by inappropriate display of a pipe in a casino; the demonstration of the loading of a sacred pipe before an audience; failing to complete the ceremony, leaving tobacco in the pipe and not separating the stem

from the pipe, violate spiritual protocol serious enough to bring harmful spiritual consequences upon innocent tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the loss of culture, traditions and spirituality with the passage of time. Spiritual leaders and ceremonial practitioners are becoming extinct along with sacred knowledge. People have lost respect and forgotten the role of spiritual power and sacredness and the responsibility that comes with having spiritual leaders or sacred objects in their midst. We have a long history, cultural and supernatural relationship with the Buffalo Nation. Today we recognize the need more than ever to restore and revive the relationship with the Buffalo Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds it is in the best interest of the People for the Ceremonial Chief to be independent of influence or pressure by the secular/political leadership as to decisions which pertain to spiritual matters to include: sacred objects, ceremonies, control of ceremonies including removal of those disruptive, security and assistance required to remove those who are disruptive, making decision as to spiritual teachings, repatriation of sacred objects, freedom to speak out against abuses/exploitation of spirituality, authority to confiscate sacred objects being misused or displayed, entitled to direct security or other appointed persons to effect such confiscation, freedom to make own decisions on selection of spiritual assistants, firekeepers, cooks and helpers; and

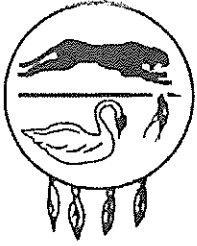
WHEREAS the Tribe finds that there is a need for tribal leadership to restore respect and life back to the most ancient and intangible valuables, spirituality which may be termed “intellectual property” as the consequences of continued erosion will bring a total loss of tribal identity or spirituality; and

WHEREAS the Tribe finds that a law is necessary to protect our spirituality, ceremonial leaders, sacred objects, ceremonies, culture, ceremonial lands, and natural resources therein; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma that:

1. That Ceremonial Chief shall be independent, without pressure or interference by secular/political leadership with authority that includes:
 - A. protection of sacred objects
 - B. protecting and conducting ceremonies and control of ceremonies
 - C. entitled to direct security/and or appoint persons to remove disruptive person(s) from ceremonies, ceremonial grounds
 - D. ability to confiscate with sacred objects being misused or displayed inappropriately
 - E. entitled to direct security/and or appoint persons to assist with confiscation of sacred objects being misused or displayed inappropriately
 - F. freedom to teach spirituality without interference or harassment by anyone, including secular/political leadership
 - G. freedom to pass down knowledge about culture and spiritual teachings and ceremonial aspects

- H. protection of ceremonial grounds, ceremonial ground resources and guests
 - I. matters regarding repatriation of sacred object
 - J. freedom to speak out about exploitation and/or abuse of spirituality without retribution
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- 2. That Ceremonial Chief shall exercise autonomy and independent decision making as to use of the Ceremonial Chief funds as well as adequate funds to carry out his duties, which include teaching, conducting ceremonies, caring for and protecting ceremonial grounds, and ministering to his people, public honoring/giveaway ceremonies for the tribe, be able to recognize and honor his helpers as he deems appropriate
 - 3. That the Ceremonial Chief is empowered to appoint pipe keepers and Strong Hearts and/or Shirt Wearers which are honorary positions, identified by special attire worn at events and ceremonies are to be recognized and respected by the people as authorities who enforce spiritual protocol, share cultural and spiritual knowledge, assist in the growth of spiritual mindedness and virtues, and give advice as needed
 - 4. That the Eastern Shawnee Tribe recognizes that culture and spirituality, uncorrupted is intellectual property to be cherished and protected from exploitation and misuse or abuse by anyone so as to be preserved for our youth and generations to come
 - 5. That the Tribe agrees that this Resolution, titled "Protection for Culture and Spirituality" is to be adopted to ensure the survival of our spiritual connection to one another, to the Buffalo Nation and our Creator



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 041421-R- 06

(Protecting and Restoring Culture and Spirituality Part II)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, herein after "Tribe," is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, with a Constitution approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on April 4, 1994 and amended on March 2, 1999; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, *inter alia*, the Business Committee has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the protection and preservation of Tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shawnee history, customs, traditions and culture, the Tribe has a Ceremonial Chief for the Tribe whose role is to minister to the people, teach, counsel, and advise the membership and leadership about religious and spiritual matters as well as other issues which concern the Tribe and Tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds that the Tribe has already set aside tribal lands specifically for ceremonies and spiritual purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Ceremonial Chief is traditionally a leader of ceremony, spiritual activities and teachings, which include working with spiritual advisers, assistants, and fire keepers who sacrifice for the greater of the people without compensation or recognition, rightfully, are to be held in the highest regard, even higher than political leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes its historical and spiritual relationship with the Buffalo Nation. Many of our sacred legends, ceremonies and spiritual activities are directly involved the Buffalo Nation, from the most ancient of our ceremonies, the sweat lodge ceremony to the Buffalo dance that our Shawnee ancestors participated in. The Grandfather spirits spoke in a ceremony, prophesying that the Tribe shall have a herd and Shawn King shall be their keeper; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe may choose to acquire a buffalo herd as part of the Tribe's economic and commercial development to benefit to the Tribe financially, however this business venture must be separate from the purpose of acquiring a buffalo herd for spiritual and ceremonial purposes, and;

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds that acquiring a special, not for profit buffalo herd, a living monument to who we are and who we want to be in the future, is a sacred resource not to be exploited due to our spiritual relationship with the Buffalo Nation that supersedes profit and politics, therefore this herd is to be kept separate from any business venture of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds that it is a matter of pride for the Tribe and its future generations for the Tribe to become the first in the United States to set a standard for other tribes to follow as a model wherein the Ceremonial Chief is designated as guardian and keeper of a buffalo herd set aside specifically and solely for cultural, spiritual and ceremonial purposes; and

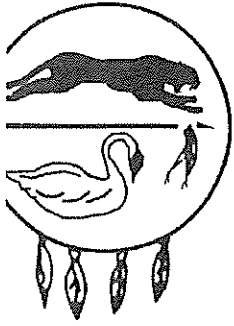
WHEREAS the Tribe finds that there is a need to preserve what is nearly extinct, the buffalo and our spirituality which are closely connected and intertwined. Both face exploitation and desecration by those motivated by greed and profit. We as a tribe see the importance of spirituality and relationship with our Buffalo relatives. Today we will begin the path to formally preserve our culture, heritage, spirituality and our relationship with the Buffalo through a non-profit herd reserved for ceremonial purposes. Ceremonial meaning the buffalo meat shall be available to feed and be distributed among members of the tribe at appropriate times; and

WHEREAS the Tribe finds that to maintain a Buffalo ceremonial herd will require resources of land and space for the herd to graze and exist, along with funds for care of the herd and a meat processing facility, with decision making authority to be delegated to the Ceremonial Chief to manage the herd as well as the ceremonial uses of buffalo hides, skulls and other invaluable parts of the Buffalo which may be gifted in a traditional manner as an honor, but never to be sold; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma that:

1. The Tribe recognizes that it has a historical and special spiritual relationship with the Buffalo Nation from time immemorial and many of our most ancient ceremonies, legends involve the Buffalo Nation.
2. The Grandfather Spirits spoke at a spiritual ceremony some years ago and prophesied that the Ceremonial Chief, Shawn King, would become our Tribe's guardian and keeper of a ceremonial buffalo herd in the future. The Grandfather Spirits directed the Ceremonial Chief to prepare and become spiritually strong for the day when the People and the Buffalo reunite to "bring back life, new direction and unity."
3. The Tribe shall acquire a buffalo herd for ceremonial, cultural and spiritual purposes to be known hereafter as the "Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo Herd."
4. This Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo Herd shall be designated as a sacred cultural and spiritual resource for tribal members to benefit from on a non-profit basis.

5. That the Tribe shall provide the land, space and resources to care for and support the Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo Herd with the Ceremonial Chief, Shawn King and/or his successor(s) to be delegated decision making authority as to care, custody and control of the Herd with assistants of his choice to help him carry out his ceremonial duties.
6. That Tribe shall provide the Ceremonial Chief funds to source proper processing of the Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo Herd so as to benefit and feed tribal members until such time the volume of animals being processed warrants the establishment of the Tribe's own processing plant.
7. That the Ceremonial Chief, Shawn King, and/or his successor(s) shall make decisions on when and where the meat from the Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo herd may be distributed to tribal members, including decisions as to ceremonial or any honoring gifting of buffalo hides, skulls and other buffalo parts which are never to be sold but used for cultural, ceremonial, and spiritual purposes.
8. That the Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Buffalo herd is to be protected and cherished and preserved for future generations. This is a proud day and moment for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. A new season for our people to share together with something ancient and new all the same. Let the Grandfather of the West look upon you in favor.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 042821R- 02

**Resolution to approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Agricultural Leasing Act, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Residential Leasing Act, and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Business Leasing Act**

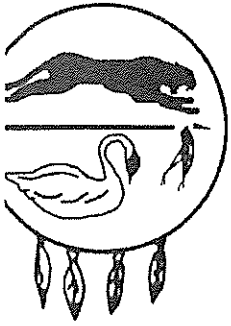
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Agricultural Leasing Act, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Residential Leasing Act, and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Business Leasing Act. (See attached Acts for detail)



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 042821R- 03

Resolution to approve the attached Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Empire District Electric Co. for the use of space on and around the Water Tower on Highway 10C

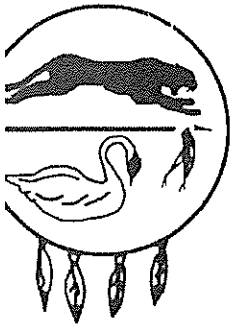
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Empire District Electric Co. for the use of space on and around the Water Tower on Highway 10C.



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 042821R- 01

**Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Farming & Grazing Lease
04012019**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize a (5) month extension of Farming & Grazing Lease 04012019 between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Max and Sandy Drake. Upon approval the new expiration date will be December 31, 2021.