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RESOLUTION

Proclamation of Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the "Tribe") possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes and empowers the Wichita Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to act in all matters of business on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, the *Kitikit'ish* people placed great value on women, children, and healthy families in tribal society; and

WHEREAS, the origins of domestic violence and abuse of Native women and children can be traced to colonization, including the introduction of alcohol, forced removal of children, boarding schools, and loss of land, culture, language and traditional ways of life; and

WHEREAS, Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be assaulted than other groups of women in the United States and homicide is the third leading cause of death for Native women; national statistics show 55.5 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes recognizes domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our nations, villages and communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes hereby proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, honoring domestic violence survivors and advocates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we stand united in our commitment to end all forms of domestic violence in Indian Country and the ancestral homelands of the *Kitikit'sh* people-Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and call upon all Tribal citizens, law enforcement, tribal organizations, health officials and all Tribal programs to speak out against domestic violence and actively support local efforts in Indian Country to assist our relatives who are survivors of violence to be safe and live their lives free from violence, to hold abusers and systems accountable, and return our Nation to ways of respect, honor, love and compassion,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Wichita Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the President or Vice President in the President's absence to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

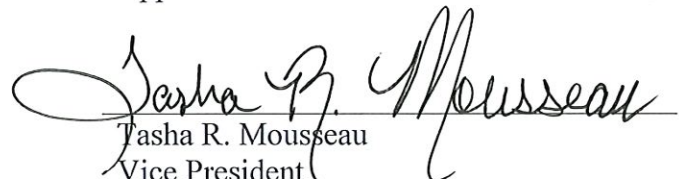
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma on **October 1, 2024** in Anadarko, Oklahoma, by a vote of **4** for, **0** against, **0** abstentions, a quorum being present.

Attest:



Starr Chavez
Secretary

Approved:



Tasha R. Mousseau
Vice President