

EXECUTIVE ORDER
2021--05-CTH

1. **AUTHORITY:** Article VII of the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.

2. **POLICY:** Engagement in international and inter-tribal affairs has been of high interest of the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial. These interests are increasingly impacted by the actions of international and inter-tribal bodies. Engagement with respect to treaties, declarations, proposed legislation, reports and other records and documents produced by these bodies, is vital to protecting and advancing the interests of the Cherokee Nation. Such bodies and declarations include, but are not limited to; the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) the United Nation, The UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032). Cherokee Nation's leadership, expertise and stature can also inform the actions of these bodies in a manner that protects and advances the rights of indigenous people worldwide, as well as the preservation of indigenous languages. Cherokee Nation should endeavor to lend assistance to international and inter-tribal bodies in this regard. Increasingly, domestic Cherokee language preservation strategies, focused on local efforts, are interconnected with international affairs, from federal funding to indigenous language preservation efforts by international bodies. Finally, engagement with international and inter-tribal bodies presents an opportunity for Cherokee Nation to share its language, culture and traditions with the world. Accordingly, the establishment of a Special Envoy for International Affairs and Language Preservation (SEIALP) within the executive branch is warranted.

3. **BASIC DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:** The SEIALP's shall be detailed in a job description filed with the Cherokee Nation Human Resources Department, Government Relations Department, Cherokee Nation Language Department and Secretary of State, but shall include the following duties:
 - a) Engaging with international and inter-tribal bodies, as well as related institutions, by analyzing treaties, declarations, laws, legislation, reports and other records and documents.

- b) Participating, as an authorized representative of the Cherokee Nation, in conferences, seminars, assemblies and similar meetings related to the duties set forth herein.
- c) Promoting the interests of the Cherokee Nation as determined by the Secretary of State and Executive Director of Government Relations, who will work through the Principal Chief on duties including but not limited to; the preservation of Cherokee language, culture and traditions and the preservation of all indigenous languages worldwide and such other governmental interests as the Principal Chief shall deem appropriate.
- d) Serving as an ambassador to international and inter-tribal communities at the Cherokee Nation Holiday celebration, including serving as chairperson or lead of the Cherokee National Holiday Inter-Tribal Powwow Committee.
- e) Providing guidance to the Principal Chief on efforts to preserve Cherokee Nation language and culture in coordination with the Principal Chief and the Executive Director of the Cherokee Language Department.
- f) Engaging in community outreach across the Cherokee Nation reservation on efforts to preserve Cherokee Nation language and culture, in coordination with the Principal Chief and the Executive Director of the Language Department.
- g) Generating reports to the Principal Chief, his designees and, at the Principal Chief's direction, to the Council of the Cherokee Nation and the general public.
- h) Adhering to the chain of command, as directed by the Principal Chief, in all aspects of the position, especially including with respect to the authorized communication of any matter relating to the duties set forth herein to other branches of Cherokee Nation government and other entities, governments, businesses, individuals or the media.

4. **TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** The SEIALP shall be appointed by the Principal Chief pursuant to this Executive Order on at least an annual basis but in no case for a term longer than the elected term end date of the appointing Principal Chief. Such

appointment shall be memorialized in an oath of office consistent with the oath administered to Cherokee Nation elected and appointed officials and memorialized in a job description and contract, as appropriate.

5. **REPORTING STRUCTURE:** The SEIALP shall report to the Principal Chief through the Cherokee Nation Secretary of State, Government Relations Department, or through such Cherokee Nation executive branch officials as the Principal Chief deems warranted.

6. **STRICT COORDINATION WITH CHEROKEE NATION GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT:** The SEIALP's work is integral to the overall operation of Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Government Relations. Accordingly, it is of the highest importance that the SEIALP coordinate with Cherokee Nation Government Relations as well as Cherokee Nation's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives on all aspects of the SEIALP's work.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT:** The SEIALP shall issue an annual report to the Principal Chief highlighting the SEIALP's work for the previous year. Such report may be included with any annual report from the Government Relations Department.

8. **ORDER:** There is hereby created the position of Special Envoy for International Affairs and Language Preservation (SEIALP)

9. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 15th day of August, 2020.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation