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To: Cabinet, Sub-Cabinet

From: Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief; Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council; Samantha Hendrix, Exec. Director of Human Resources; Daniel Mead, Acting Marshal Designate

Date: November 27, 2024

ADMINISTRATION MEMORANDUM DESIGNATING DANIEL MEAD AS ACTING MARSHAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to administratively designate Daniel Mead as Acting Marshal of the Cherokee Nation

Background

On November 1, 2024, Cherokee Nation Marshal Shannon Buhl [advised this office of his intent to retire](#) his post effective January 1, 2025, upon which time he will provide consulting services to Cherokee Nation businesses. Absent a successor duly designed under the law, the position of Marshal becomes vacant midnight December 31, 2024.

On November 15 2024, I signed into law certain [changes to the Cherokee Nation Marshal statute](#), approved unanimously by the Council and with the full support of Marshal Buhl. Those changes authorized my office to designate an Acting Marshal in the event of a vacancy, said acting designate to expire after a period not to exceed one year.

Designation of Daniel Mead as Acting Marshal

In view of the impending vacancy, I hereby designate the following individual as Acting Marshal of the Cherokee Nation effective January 1, 2024, or at such earlier time as a vacancy may occur, for a period not to exceed one year:

CNMS Lieutenant Daniel Mead

Lt. Mead meets the requirements for the position under the CNMS statute. Indeed, as an 18 year veteran of CNMS, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and as an individual who has demonstrate valuable leadership and provided valuable service to the Cherokee Nation, Daniel Mead has my full confidence to execute the duties of the position.

Notably, the Acting Marshal, by law, holds the full authority of a fully confirmed Marshal. As such, the expectations of this office, and of the Cherokee people through their elected representatives, is that Acting Marshal Mead be recognized as possessive of that full authority.

Though the Act does not prescribe an oath of office, Acting Marshal Mead shall execute such formal oath of office that the Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation may prescribe and execute the same, or ceremonial copy thereof, in a public ceremony as soon as is practicable, with said oaths administered by a Justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court by invitation.

As set forth in a separate memorandum issued on this same date, Lt. Mead now holds the administrative title as Acting Marshal Designate for the purposes of the transition of office period, which begins immediately.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Hoskin Jr.", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief