



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma For Immediate Release

Pawnee, Oklahoma, May 19, 2020 – The United States Treasury deposited \$8,261,242.92 in the Pawnee Nation’s Bank Account as a part of the 8 Billion that was set aside for the Tribes across the Nation. The Pawnee Business Council will be making decisions on how to spend these funds for COVID-19 related assistance for the Pawnee Nation at the May 20th Council Meeting. Some of the proposed expenditures is being set aside to keep the Pawnee Nation operational during the remainder of this Pandemic and for those tribal members who may have lost their jobs due this pandemic plus tribal members who are experiencing financial issues due to the increase in prices of food and supplies for their families and homes.

The discussion has centered on the following:

- 🔥 *COVID-19 Relief Funding is being sent to the adult members of the Pawnee Nation to assist in the alleviation of some of the financial burden at this time, once approved then an amount will be set along with a timeline of when these funds will be sent out.*
- 🔥 *Providing Hazardous Duty Pay to those tribal workers who have continued to work during this pandemic in order to provide services to the tribal membership*
- 🔥 *Funds are being set aside to assist the school age children for when school begins in the fall*

The Pawnee Nation is requesting that all enrolled Pawnee Members to update their addresses with the Tribal Enrollment Office as soon as possible. A copy of the change of address form is located on the Pawnee Nation Facebook page and the www.Pawneenation.org website.

We pray that conditions continue to improve so that the Pawnee People will eventually be able to go back to work so that they can take care of their families as the Pawnee Nation recovers from the effects of this viral pandemic. May Atius keep our people safe and healthy.

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