



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #16-57  
JANUARY 25, 2016

## RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in special session on June 23, 2016, at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council desires to increase its understanding of effective system response to address domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence for American Indian and Alaska Native women throughout the United States. The Pawnee Business Council understands that the National Baseline Study (NBS) is aimed at estimating an accurate national rate of violence against Indian women (VAIW). Prevalence data will not be available for individual Tribes; rather data obtained from the NBS will be used collectively to estimate a national rate; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council understands that National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is mandated to conduct the study as stipulated in Title IX, Section 904(a) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Pub. Law No. 109-162 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg-10 note), as amended by Section 907 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, Pub. L. No. 113-4.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby understand the need for culturally respectful research to address violence against Indian and proclaims its support for the National Institute of Justice's efforts, working through its contracted researchers to implement the violence against Indian women (VAIW) National Baseline Study(NSB).

## CERTIFICATION

I, Phammie Littlesun, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 7 were present, 1 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

*Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016*

ATTEST:

Phammie Littlesun, Secretary  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

W. Bruce Pratt, President  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

