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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-07-CTH

Executive Order Creating the Principal Chief's Task Force to Reimagine and Relaunch Cherokee Nation Foundation

1. **AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation and Resolution 80-96 and related legislation.
2. **POLICY:** It is in the interest of the Cherokee Nation to develop opportunities for charitable giving by third party individuals and institutions by building on the work and experience of the [Cherokee Nation Foundation \(CNF\)](#). CNF is a non-profit corporation authorized by the laws of the Cherokee Nation, formed under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exists primarily for the purpose of providing educational assistance to Cherokee Nation citizens and to promote and preserve the language, culture and history of the Cherokee Nation. CNF, and its predecessor Cherokee Nation Education Corporation, has provided millions of dollars on higher education scholarships and other forms of educational support to Cherokee Nation citizens since its inception in [1996](#)¹. Under the Hoskin / Warner Administration, CNF has [continued its growth](#), increased its efforts to better communicate its mission, [cultivated relationships with new potential donors](#) and engaged in third party examination of its performance². As CNF marks three decades of service, it is in the interest of the Cherokee Nation to examine its performance and reimagine ways in which a non-profit entity

¹ The Cherokee Nation Education Corporation formed in 1996 pursuant to [Resolution 80-96](#), with articles of incorporation amendment pursuant to [Resolution 7-02](#) in 2002. The Cherokee Nation Education Corporation was renamed the Cherokee Nation Foundation in or about 2011. See, e.g., [Resolution 68-11](#). The entity formally "does business as" Cherokee Nation Foundation but formally retains the name Cherokee Nation Education Corporation.

² See, e.g., Cherokee Nation Foundation Strategic Plan, undated report conveyed on October 1, 2026, from Secretary of State Shella Bowlin to Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., compiled with the assistance of the Oklahoma Center for non-profits in cooperation with the Cherokee Nation Foundation.

can serve the broad interests of Cherokee Nation citizens, more effectively harness the generosity of individual donors and better engage the global philanthropic community that may seek to assist in the mission of Cherokee Nation and its entities to improve the lives of Cherokee Nation citizens, their families and their communities. Based on the foregoing, the Principal Chief's Task Force To Reimagine and Relaunch Cherokee Nation Foundation is established.

3. **Principal Chief's Task Force to Reimagine and Relaunch Cherokee Nation Foundation:** There is hereby established the Principal Chief's Task Force To Reimagine and Relaunch Cherokee Nation Foundation, and alternatively known as the Principal Chief's Cherokee Nation Foundation Task Force.

- a. **Composition of Task Force:** The *Principal Chief's Task Force* shall be composed of the following members:

- i. Tim Roberts, (Chair)
- ii. Corey Bunch, Chief of Staff (Co-Chair)
- iii. Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
- iv. Janice Randall, CEO of CNF
- v. Tonya Rozell CNF Board of Directors President (or her CNF Board Member Designee)
- vi. Matthew Scaper, Cherokee Nation Businesses Consultant on Non-Profit Development
- vii. Camerin Fite James, Senior Advisor on Public Engagement and Policy

The Task Force chair may recommend replacements of appointees to the Principal Chief for approval as vacancies arise. The Task Force may request the assignment of such clerical and administrative assistance as necessary to perform its work.

- b. **Near Term Objectives:** The Task Force shall, by December 31, 2026, unless extended in writing by the Principal Chief, conduct the following work and/or make the following recommendations:

- a. **SWOT Analysis:** Conduct a "Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities and Threats Analysis" of CNF, which may include a reexamination of the SWOT analysis conducted in or about October 2025.
- b. **Strategic Reimagination and Transformation Plan:** Develop a "Strategic Reimagination and Transformation Plan" to maximize opportunities for CNF to

serve the interests of Cherokee Nation citizens, engaging such third parties as the chair deems warranted, with approval of the Principal Chief. The plan should include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:

- i. **Reorganization** of CNF within the family of Cherokee Nation entities and reorganization of CNF leadership while maintaining a reasonable degree of continuity and maintaining the intuitional knowledge base developed by incumbent leadership.
- ii. **Modernizing** bylaws, policies, procedures and recommendations as to supportive legislation.
- iii. **Broadening** CNF's mission to include the maximum range of support of Cherokee Nation citizens and maximizing opportunities to develop funding sources and engaging the global philanthropic community,
- iv. **Identify** relevant subject matters for further examination and a timeline to relaunch CNF on the basis on the Task Force's recommendations.

c. **Long Term Objectives:** Anticipating implementation of the Task Force recommendations after December 1, 2026, the Task Force should remain in operation through the end of Fiscal Year 2027,, and for such longer period of time as the Principal Chief may direct, providing the Principal Chief with regular progress reports on relevant subjects.

d. **Transparency:** Although the Task Force is an executive branch advisory group and not a public body within the meaning of the Cherokee Nation Freedom of Information Act, its final report shall be distributed to Cherokee Nation elected officials and to the general public via the Cherokee Nation website within 45 days of issuance.

4. **ORDER:** the Principal Chief's Task Force to Reimagine and Relaunch Cherokee Nation Foundation is hereby created to achieve the purposes and policies set forth in this order.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 30th of September 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chuck Hoskin, Jr.", positioned above a horizontal line.

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation