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John L. Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, announces his participation in the 2016 Presidential Election as the

Republican Native Americans For Hillary Clinton

As the 2016 presidential election begins to shape up as a two-person race, the time is right for me to announce my support for Hillary Clinton and help elect her as our nation's next president. This decision does not come easily as I understand that this will surprise many and goes against my years of support for the Republican Party and my elected friends on a national, state and local level.

Since 2002 I have been proud to call myself a Republican but after watching and listening to the candidates for the office of President, I have come to the realization that Hillary Clinton's views represent more of what I believe our country needs when compared to the other candidates. Indian Country still desperately needs investment, jobs, and household incomes. Like the rest of America, we need physical infrastructure, quality health care, and world – class education for our kids.

Moving forward, we need a president who will be inclusive and reach out to all people. We need a president who has the experience and ability to bring the nation together and work as a team for the betterment of all, regardless of race, income, or gender. Having met Hillary and talked with her about her vision for the future, I believe she is the best person to occupy the Oval Office.

In the coming months I will be proud to do what I can to further her efforts to win in November. I anticipate reaching out to other tribal leaders across our nation and to members of those tribes to help get Hillary's message out and seek additional support for her election.

I am committed to continuing my support for those candidates whose ideas and values match mine own.

John L. Berrey

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