

Resolution No. 07__15-A

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SITE OWNED BY THE QUAPAW TRIBE IN PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AS A SACRED SITE

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and is governed by a Governing Resolution adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe asserts tribal governmental jurisdiction to the fullest extent recognized by law over the lands within the original Quapaw Reservation, as established as a homeland for the Quapaw Nation by the Treaty of May 13, 1833; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on the behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is thus empowered and obligated to transact Tribal business, including taking appropriate actions to protect the cultural, historic, and religious heritage of the Quapaw Nation, and including designating certain sites and locations important to the Tribe as sacred sites; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has aboriginal, historic, and treaty lands which encompass areas and waterways within the State of Arkansas, including Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and its members are recognized as the past inhabitants of the present-day State of Arkansas through its sovereign treaties with the United States, and also with regard to contemporary authorities including government-to-government consultation with federal agencies, Executive Order No. 13175, and the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, dated November 5, 2009, which are concerned with natural and cultural resources, including American Indian Cultural and Sacred Sites in our ancestral and treaty lands; and

WHEREAS, United States President William Jefferson Clinton recognized American Indian sacred sites and the need to “(1) accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners and (2) avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites,” through Executive Order No. 13007—Indian Sacred Sites; and

WHEREAS, any alteration of a Sacred Site and/or removal of cultural items, including human remains, desecrates the sanctity of that site and is a violation of our religious and cultural beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 13007 enhances the protection to an American Indian Sacred Site; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that its ancestral American Indian Cultural Site, referred to as the Thibault site, 3PU1, is sacred by virtue of its religious and cultural significance to the

Quapaw Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma hereby declares the Thibault site, 3PU1, as a Sacred Site.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee was presented and duly adopted through a telephone/electronic poll of the Tribal Business Committee on July __, 2015, with a vote reflecting ____ yes; ____ no; ____ abstaining; and ____ absent.

John L. Berrey, Chairman
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Thomas Crawfish Mathews, Vice-Chairman
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee