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## **EXECUTIVE VETO MESSAGE**

### **April 20, 2016**

To the Honorable Maria Whitehorn, Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress and Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Osage Nation Congress:

I hereby transmit pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Article VII and Section 14 of Article VI of the Osage Nation Constitution my objection to ONCR 16-25, entitled:

“A Resolution to establish and approve the fiscal year 2017 Annual Revenue Projection of the Osage Nation”.

ONCR 16-25 fails to include in the Osage Nation Projected Revenue millions of dollars for fiscal year 2017. Because the Congress continues to operate as if it were the only branch of the Osage Nation government, the reasoning for this omission is not known by the Executive Branch.

The Osage Nation Permanent Fund as available for appropriation in case of an emergency which would require the Osage Congress and Principal Chief to access the fund for use by direct services. The direct services which would use this fund in case of an emergency are the Osage Health Card Program, the Osage Medicare Supplement Program, the Osage Higher Education Scholarship Program, and Osage Burial Assistance Program. The Osage Nation Permanent Fund has over \$30 million dollars available. This fund may be used during any fiscal year. ONCR 16-25 state the Osage Nation Permanent Fund is “restricted due to encumbrance and limited to direct services”. The fund is indeed restricted but not because of an encumbrance. It is restricted by law and to be used only for use by direct services in the case of an emergency which would cause the fiscal condition of the Osage Nation to have genuine need of these funds.

Based upon these objections and justifications, I hereby veto this Resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey M. Standing Bear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Geoffrey M. Standing Bear  
Osage Nation Principal Chief

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