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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

FROM: Geoffrey M. Standing Bear, Principal Chief

TO: All Employees

CC: Raymond Red Corn, Assistant Principal Chief

DATE: October 5, 2016

RE: First Analysis of FY17 Appropriations

The Department of Treasury is providing a detailed analysis of the appropriations approved by the Osage Congress which is now signed into law. This review will be ongoing as the Treasurer and Controller work with the Chief-of-Staff and Director of Operations. These appropriations determine the amount of money for direct services, employee salaries and benefits, as well as the other expenses involved in service to the Osage people. The Osage Congress did not fund to the level requested in the budgets submitted on September 1, 2016.

The first step is to determine the amount appropriated to each Division. The Department of Treasury provided this information to me last evening. I am now sharing this first analysis. The Department of Treasury will provide more detail to me tomorrow.

Here is the initial analysis which is at the Division level. The Department and Program level is presently being analyzed.

The chart below reveals details for the reductions by Division. Keep in mind these numbers represent tribal funds only.

Division	Executive Request	Congressional Appropriation	Variance	%
Executive Administration	$ 7,056,412	$ 6,068,235	$ (988,177)	-14.0%
Office of the Principal Chief	$ 1,725,798	$ 1,787,578	$ 61,780	3.6%
Government Operations	$ 4,745,583	$ 3,824,709	$ (920,874)	-19.4%
Child, Family, & Senior Services	$ 1,220,000	$ 894,987	$ (325,013)	-26.6%
Language and Cultural Resources	$ 4,350,000	$ 4,014,585	$ (335,415)	-7.7%
Education	$ 4,900,000	$ 4,263,024	$ (636,976)	-13.0%
Health and Wellness	$ 1,580,000	$ 1,610,993	$ 30,993	2.0%
Land, Commerce, and Agriculture	$ 2,460,000	$ 2,194,217	$ (265,783)	-10.8%
Base Pay Adj - ONCA 16-115	$ -	$ 241,912	$ 241,912	
Merit Performance - ONCA 16-116	$ -	$ 283,690	$ 283,690	
Total	$ 28,037,793	$ 25,183,930	$ (2,853,863)	-10.2%

Salaries & Wages

Division	Executive Request	Congressional Appropriation	Variance	%
Executive Administration	$ 6,157,824	$ 5,680,969	$ (476,855)	-7.7%
Office of the Principal Chief	$ 752,176	$ 780,852	$ 28,676	3.8%
Government Operations	$ 2,410,000	$ 2,075,774	$ (334,226)	-13.9%
Child, Family, & Senior Services	$ 1,510,000	$ 1,248,693	$ (261,307)	-17.3%
Language and Cultural Resources	$ 2,090,000	$ 1,938,743	$ (151,257)	-7.2%
Education	$ 3,460,000	$ 3,178,874	$ (281,126)	-8.1%
Health and Wellness	$ 5,720,000	$ 5,544,862	$ (175,138)	-3.1%
Land, Commerce, and Agriculture	$ 1,980,000	$ 1,458,693	$ (521,307)	-26.3%
Base Pay Adj - ONCA 16-115	$ -	$ 346,562	$ 346,562	
Merit Performance - ONCA 16-116	$ -	$ 405,051	$ 405,051	
Total	$ 24,080,000	$ 22,659,073	$ (1,420,927)	-5.9%

Employee Benefits

Division	Executive Request	Congressional Appropriation	Variance	%
Executive Administration	$ 1,938,588	$ 1,822,289	$ (116,299)	-6.0%
Office of the Principal Chief	$ 161,412	$ 186,876	$ 25,464	15.8%
Government Operations	$ 840,000	$ 790,290	$ (49,710)	-5.9%
Child, Family, & Senior Services	$ 490,000	$ 410,391	$ (79,609)	-16.2%
Language and Cultural Resources	$ 690,000	$ 648,430	$ (41,570)	-6.0%
Education	$ 1,240,000	$ 1,241,342	$ 1,342	0.1%
Health and Wellness	$ 1,550,000	$ 1,493,963	$ (56,037)	-3.6%
Land, Commerce, and Agriculture	$ 580,000	$ 503,383	$ (76,617)	-13.2%
Total	$ 7,490,000	$ 7,096,964	$ (393,036)	-5.2%

Congress under-appropriated those lines by $1,813,963 in total. Separating and identifying expense lines, such as these between tribal and non-tribal funds, is not possible, so this comparison includes all funding sources and applies to the 8 Executive Branch Divisions identified.

The Department of Treasury also notes that the Annual Projected Revenue amount includes $3,136,607 for 3rd party billing at the Wah Zha Zhi Health Clinic; however ONCA 16-92 appropriates only $2,511,520 of that amount. This revenue is restricted and cannot be used outside of the Health System, and therefore should be appropriated at the projected revenue level.

We have identified inconsistencies and shortfalls creating critical conditions to several areas mandated by the Osage Constitution for funding at sufficient levels.

The Department of Treasury has advised me that after all the appropriations made thus far, unappropriated funds are still available. Therefore, I have advised the Osage Congress that I will be requesting a Special Session to begin October 25 to address those funding matters. In the meantime, we are required to work within the appropriations provided to support budgets which obviously will have to be revised to account for the appropriation reductions.

As further analysis arrives at my office, I will share this information with you.

GMS/sld