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Raymond Red Corn
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EXECUTIVE VETO MESSAGE

April 15, 2016

To the Honorable Maria Whitehorn, Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress and Members of the 4th 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 objections to ONCR 16-22, a Resolution entitled:

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

ONCR 16-22 does not include the Osage Nation Permanent Fund as available for appropriation if an emergency occurs which requires access to this fund for use by direct services, especially the Osage Health Card Program, the Osage Medicare Supplement Program, the Osage Higher Education Scholarship Program, and Osage Burial Assistance Program. The Resolution contains language that the Osage Nation Permanent Fund is “restricted due to encumbrance and limited to direct services”. I believe the Osage Nation Permanent Fund is available for use for direct services in the case of an emergency which would cause the fiscal condition of the Osage Nation to have need of these funds.

Further, I understand the calculations for the projected revenue are inaccurate and the Osage Congress will be correcting this error.

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

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Geoffrey M. Standing Bear.

Geoffrey M. Standing Bear
Osage Nation Principal Chief

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