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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**2025-05-CTH**  
**SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE & RELATED**  
**AGENCIES (SEUSDOJ) AND SENIOR ADVISOR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. **AUTHORITY:** Article VII of the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
2. **POLICY:** Engagement with the United States Department of the Justice (“USDOJ”) and other law enforcement agencies is vital to the Cherokee Nation and an indispensable part of Cherokee Nation’s overall government relations efforts as well as efforts to seize opportunities to improvement public safety throughout the reservation in the post *McGirt* era. USDOJ’s authority, spending and other activities impact Cherokee Nation from direct interaction with Cherokee Nation citizens involved in law enforcement activities, administration of justice relating particularly to criminal statutes impacting Indian Country, as well as a variety of public policy initiatives, grants and other expenditures of federal resources. Likewise, the post *McGirt* era calls upon Cherokee Nation, on substantially a whole-of-government basis, to develop and maintain strong relationships with other federal law enforcement agencies as well as state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. Although Cherokee Nation commits substantial resources to all of the aforementioned engagement across the Office of Marshal, Office of Attorney General and Department of Government Relations, placing primary responsibility particularly with engagement with USDOJ under a single authorized member of the Administration increases that commitment and can enhance coordination across Cherokee Nation departments. Additionally, an appointee to such a position would, based on self-evident prerequisites for the position, but well positioned to advise the Principal Chief on matters of public safety, broadly. Accordingly, establishment of the Special Envoy to the United States Department of the Justice and Related Agencies (SEUSDOJ) and Senior Advisor for Public Safety is warranted.

3. **BASIC DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:** The SEUSDOJ shall engage the following duties under the direction of the Attorney General, in coordination with the Cherokee Nation Executive Director of Government Relations and the Office of Marshal:
  - a) Engaging with the United States Department of the Justice and related federal agencies on tribal consultations, advisory committees and other forms of engagement.
  - b) Engage in the same manner as it relates to tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies..
  - c) Engaging with other government agencies on relevant subject matters as assigned by the Principal Chief or his designee.
  - d) Performing other duties as assigned by the Principal Chief or his designee.
  - e) Give periodic advice to the Principal Chief, Marshal of the Cherokee Nation, Executive Director of Government Relations on matters of law enforcement, security and other public safety policy and practices, and to provide such advice to others within the Administration or to Cherokee Nation entities (including Cherokee Nation Businesses) as assigned by the Principal Chief.
  - f) Serve as a member of the Principal Chief's sub-cabinet.
4. **TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** The SEUSDOJ shall be appointed by the Principal Chief pursuant to this Executive Order on at least an annual basis but in no case for a term longer than the elected term end date of the appointing Principal Chief. Such appointment shall be memorialized in an oath of office consistent with the oath administered to Cherokee Nation elected officials and other appointed officials and memorialized in a job description and contract, as appropriate.
5. **REPORTING STRUCTURE:** The SEUSDOJ shall work under the direction of the Attorney General and /or through such alternative Cherokee Nation executive branch officials as the Principal Chief deems warranted.
6. **STRICT COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT CHEROKEE NATION EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS:** As SEUSDOJ's work is integral to the overall operation of Cherokee Nation and deals directly with a high level policy area, the SEUSDOJ shall endeavor to coordinate his or her work across relevant departments of the Executive Branch, including but not limited to

the Attorney General, Marshal, Delegate to Congress, and the Executive Director of Government Relations.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT:** The SEUSDOJ shall issue an annual report to the Principal Chief highlighting the SEUSDOJ's work for the previous year as well as any formal advice or analysis the SEUSDOJ may offer on the subjects of security, law enforcement and public safety.
8. **ORDER:** There is hereby created the position of United States Department of the Justice and Related Agencies (SEUSDOJ) and Senior Advisor for Public Safety<sup>1</sup>.
9. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 14 day of August, 2025.



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<sup>1</sup> The titles "Special Envoy to the United States Department of Justice and Related Agencies" and "Senior Advisor for Public Safety" are severable depending on the qualifications of the appointee and the personnel management determinations of the Principal Chief.