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Executive Order Establishing a Task Force on Cherokee Nation Disaster Response


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1. **AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation and the [Cherokee Nation Emergency Management Act, LA 12-20](#).
2. **POLICY:** The Cherokee Nation should periodically evaluate its response to natural disasters by reviewing its statutes, budgets, processes as well as intergovernmental and intragovernmental cooperation and coordination so as to meet the interests and expectations of Cherokee citizens. Accordingly, this Order establishes the Task Force on Natural Disaster Response.
3. **ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION TASK FORCE ON NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
 - a) **Composition:** The Task Force shall consist of eight total members, six selected by the Principal Chief and, by invitation, two members of the Council of the Cherokee Nation as indicated below:
 1. **Member 1:** Corey Bunch, Chief of Staff (Chair)
 2. **Member 2:** Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State (Co-Chair)
 3. **Member 3:** Todd Enlow, Executive Director Housing Programs and Senior Advisor to the Principal Chief
 4. **Member 4:** Taralee Montgomery, Senior Policy Advisor
 5. **Member 5:** Philip Manes, Senior Director of Public Safety
 6. **Member 6:** Jennifer Kirby, Executive Director of Human Services
 7. **Member 7 (invited):** Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation (or Speaker's designated member of the Council)
 8. **Member 8 (invited):** Member of the Council of the Cherokee Nation (designated by Speaker Shambaugh)
 9. **Member 9 (invited):** Member of the Council of the Cherokee Nation (designated by Speaker Shambaugh)

b) Scope of Review and Goals:

1. Review Cherokee Nation Emergency Management Act, LA 12-20 and other relevant statutes.
 2. Review relevant budgets.
 3. Review relevant organizational charts.
 4. Review roles and responsibilities of relevant executive branch departments and the decision-making hierarchy responsive to natural disasters.
 5. Review processes for providing resources for Cherokee Nation citizens impacted by natural disasters.
 6. Review types of resources made available for Cherokee Nation citizens impacted by natural disasters.
 7. Engage stakeholders and peers for feedback, including surveys or open-ended interviews, on Cherokee Nation disaster response, which should include:
 - a. Cherokee Nation elected officials.
 - b. Relevant executive branch department and/or cabinet leadership and staff, which should include but need not be limited to:
 - i. Marshal of the Cherokee Nation
 - ii. Director of Gadugi Corps.
 - iii. Executive Director of Information Technology
 - iv. Director of Speaker Services
 - v. Executive Director of Public Health
 - c. External / third party emergency management agency leadership.
 - d. Citizens of the Cherokee Nation (via surveys)
 8. Identify any gaps or other opportunities to improve with respect to sub paragraphs 1-6, above.
- c) **Support Staff:** Such executive branch staff as shall be necessary, in the opinion of the Task Force Chair, to assist with the conduct of meetings and the compilation of any final, interim or supplemental report, shall be made available by the Principal Chief upon request.
- d) **Report:** The Task Force shall issue a report outlining any recommendations no later than **November 1, 2024**, delivered to the Principal Chief and the Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation. The Task Force may provide such interim reports or request of the Principal Chief such extensions of time for the Final Report as the Chair deems necessary.

4. **Transparency and Public Disclosure:** Although the Task Force is not a public body within the meaning of Cherokee Nation law and its meeting are not conducted under the Freedom of Information Act. However, in the interest of transparency, any final, interim or supplemental report shall be made publicly accessible. This task force is an internal executive branch work group designed primarily to inform the Principal Chief and Council on relevant subject matter.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective August 13, 2024.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Cherokee Nation, Principal Chief

Date: August 13, 2024