




Executive Branch Memorandum

DATE: October 9, 2009

TO: Osage Nation Congress; Executive Branch Staff, Board and
Commission Officers and All Employees

FROM: Jim Gray, Principal Chief 

CC: Assistant Principal Chief John Red Eagle

SUBJECT: Express Delegation of My Power and Authority

Please be notified that while I am away from Pawhuska, I continue to serve in my official capacity as Principal Chief of the Osage Nation. There appears to be some confusion regarding this matter. In the very unlikely event that I deem it necessary to be temporarily absent and thereby unable to perform my official duties and responsibilities, I shall expressly delegate, in writing and for a designated period of time, my power and authority as Principal Chief to the Assistant Principal Chief. Only under those specific conditions shall Assistant Principal Chief serve as Acting Principal Chief. In all other circumstances when I am away, I maintain and reserve all power and authority vested in the Office of Principal Chief of the Osage Nation in Article VII, Section 1 of the Osage Nation Constitution.

If anyone should need to contact me on government business while I am away from Pawhuska, I am available and in regular daily contact with my staff by e-mail, fax and phone. Please contact the Office of the Principal Chief and my staff at ext. 5555 and they will provide you with an appointment on my return or the assistance and information needed to conduct any and all Osage government business.

Please contact Hepsi Barnett, Chief of Staff, Carrie Rogers, Secretary of the Osage Nation, or Tosha Ballard, Staff Attorney at (918) 287-5555 if you have an urgent matter which requires my authorization or immediate attention, or if you have an urgent need to consult with me personally prior to my return to Pawhuska.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to wish all of you an enjoyable weekend and a memorable Osage Day on Monday. Let's all take the time to celebrate our great heritage as Osage people and remember our ancestors who struggled and fought for our sovereign rights and the prosperity we enjoy today.