

The Osage Nation Government election will be held 12 months from now, it is essential that we brush up on our past concerns. Having experienced a multitude of questionable results due to the current Administration's actions, we may have difficulty remembering them all and some we may never forget.

Many of you are aware that I have committed to run for office. My commitment is to the Osage people and the welfare of the tribe as a whole. My decision as to which office, Chief, Assistant Chief or Congress will be made in the best interest of the tribe and cannot be made until we are given the opportunity to know the candidates. Once we have talked with each of the candidates, determination will be made as to where we believe I can provide the most positive results for the tribe.

According to the Osage Nation Election Code (ONCA 08-27), Section 4.6, the filing dates for Executive and Congressional candidacies are only available between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. If the candidates wait until the filing period to announce their candidacy, we will have approximately 2 months to "try" to get to know them.

In the mean time, as we wait to meet the candidates, I will continue to work hard to ensure that we experience a fair, honest and legal election. I hope you will help me in this endeavor. It looks like I'm going to need it and here's why.

On May 1, 2009, I wrote a letter to Jeanette Hannah, BIA Regional Director in Muskogee, with a copy to the Washington, D.C. office. I requested that the BIA consider assisting us with our election in 2010. I provided several reasons why I

believe they should. No response has been received as of today.

On May 10, 2009, I wrote a letter to each member of the Osage Nation Congress, asking them what they were doing to ensure a fair, honest and legal election. I requested that each respond to my questions. I have received a response from Raymond Red Corn and Shannon Edwards. No other Congress person has responded as of today.

Both Edwards and Red Corn referred me to the Osage Nation Election Code (ONCA 08-27) of which I have no faith in whatsoever. Why you may ask? Here are just a few reasons:

- ❖ The Chief appoints three (3) board members and two (2) alternates who are confirmed by the Congress. Note: The Chief appointed the election board in 2006. They were told to get out of the way the day of the election! The Chief's staff had total control.
- ❖ All of these people in charge of appointing the election board are running for election themselves with the exception of six (6) and six (6) of the twelve never vote against the chief.
- ❖ An amendment to this biased election code (ONCA 08-27) was amended with (ONCA 09-04). This amendment inserted a deadline for nomination of the Election Board. The appointments have not been made yet and the deadline has passed.
- ❖ (ONCR 09-02) was passed, calling upon the Chief to make the appointments. To my knowledge,

the appointments still have not been made, which to me indicates what we already know. The Chief only goes by the law when he wants to and he doesn't take Congress seriously.

As I mentioned before, the election is in 12 months. If we want a legal election, were going to have to work for it. Anyone with a plan, an idea or a solution, please come forward. I will continue my letters and nudging and prodding, but I could certainly use some help. If you know of other people planning to run in this election, they surely have enough interest and fortitude to join me in my endeavor to ensure a legal election process. Please encourage them to do so!

## Voting Records

Here are two very good examples to share with your family and friends. These should be real eye openers to anyone who believes the below listed congress people have our best interest in mind. (For actual documents – see attachments)

### Example #1

ONCR 07-23  
Sponsor: Supernaw

Resolution to Change “eligible” for membership to “have the right” to membership.

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Mark Freeman      | NO |
| Debbie Atterberry | NO |
| Eddy Red Eagle    | NO |
| Doug Revard       | NO |

### Example #2

ONCR 07-22  
Sponsor: Supernaw

A Resolution to lower the percentage of votes to override the Chief's veto from 3/4 to 2/3 votes.

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|-------------------|----|
| Mark Freeman      | NO |
| Debbie Atterberry | NO |
| Raymond Red Corn  | NO |
| Eddy Red Eagle    | NO |

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I have attached the following documents for your records and use in helping your friends and family members become informed voters: ONCA 07-22, ONCA 07-23, ONCA 08-27 (election bill) Note: This election bill is 37 pages long. You may want to view it on screen rather than print. (just a warning), Legislative Journal (documented voting records of ONCA 07-22 & ONCA 07-23), letter to Jeanette Hannah and letter to Osage Nation Congress.

Please share this newsletter with all you can. Print copies for those who don't have computers.

ALSO:

Be sure to visit [www.jenny2010.com](http://www.jenny2010.com) the webmaster has added family photos to the **IT'S PERSONAL** link. Enjoy!

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