RESOLUTION 22-16

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR
KING CARL XVI,
THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,
THE KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET,
AND THE HAGSTRÖMER LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (the “Tribe”) is a federally recognized sovereign Tribal government, organized under the Thomas-Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, with a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on August 16, 1939, as amended, and

WHEREAS, under Article VI of the Constitution, the Business Committee of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is authorized to enact resolutions and act on behalf of the Miami Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee has a constitutional duty and authority to act in the best interest of the Tribe concerning the preservation and perpetuation of its unique cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee is pleased first, to honor King Carl XVI Gustaf and the great Kingdom of Sweden, a government and nation known world-wide for humanitarianism and for providing for its citizens a high quality of life, health, education, protection of civil liberties, strong economy, prosperity, and human development, and

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Sweden was instrumental in the international Repatriation of the return of a female Myaamia ancestor taken from her burial location within the ancestral homeland of the Myaamiaki as a victim of the Dr. Samuel G. Morton cranial study, circa 1832, and

WHEREAS, without the assistance of professionals with the Kingdom of Sweden authorizing travel during the coronavirus pandemic and assisting with international customs transfer requirements and regulations, this Repatriation may not have been possible, and
WHEREAS, the sovereign Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Leadership extend to the noble monarch King Carl XVI Gustaf, and the Kingdom of Sweden, its deepest gratitude and respect, and

WHEREAS, the Karolinska Institutet of Stockholm, Sweden is a world-renown medical university which strives to advance the knowledge of life and provide better health for all, offering the country’s broadest range of education in medicine and health sciences, and

WHEREAS, the Hagströmer Library with the Karolinska Institutet is an extensive reference library on the history of medicine and science with a focus on the period before 1830, and

WHEREAS, the Leadership of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma embraces the sovereign right and cultural responsibility to respectfully repatriate and rebury Myaamia ancestors and their funerary objects wrongfully disturbed and disinterred from their burial places, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Tribe Business Committee established the Myaamia NAGPRA Committee in the Cultural Resources Office, and assigned to this entity the duty to consult on museum collections, inadvertent discoveries and all such related collections holding Myaamia ancestral remains, funerary objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mr. Dan Jibrèus with the Unit for Medical History and Heritage, Hagströmer Library, did show great respect to contact the Cultural Resources Office of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to inform the Miami Nation of the presence of the human remains of a Myaamia female ancestor in the collections of the university, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, through its Cultural Resources Officer, Julie Olds, did officially send a written request to Mr. Olof Ljungström and Mr. Dan Jibrèus requesting repatriation of this ancestor, and Repatriation was immediately offered, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes and profoundly appreciates the integrity and professionalism of these professionals for working diligently to find out as much as possible about the origin of this Miami ancestor to reinstate this individual’s identity and dignity, and

WHEREAS, these professionals assisted not only with the regulatory requirements for an international Repatriation organizing proper crating, transport through customs, and excellent temporary curation at a museum in Dallas, TX, but valiantly and selflessly traveled halfway around the world to escort this ancestor to Miami reservation lands in Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the valiant work of professionals for both the Kingdom of Sweden and the Karolinska Institutet/Hagströmer Museum resulted in making possible the respectful return of this cherished ancestor to Myaamionki – our Myaamia homeland.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Leadership for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma extend to King Carl XVI Gustaf, the great Kingdom of Sweden, and the citizens of this great country the profound appreciation, respect, and honor of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma for making this Repatriation possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Leadership for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma extend to the Karolinska Institutet, the Hagstömer Library and to Mr. Olof Ljungström and Mr. Dan Jibréus the profound appreciation, respect, and honor of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma for making this Repatriation possible.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Leadership for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma greatfully accepts custody of this beloved and honored ancestor and welcomes her return to Myaamionki.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned as Chief of the Business Committee does hereby certify that the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Business Committee is composed of five (5) members. The foregoing Resolution 22-16 was duly adopted by Regular Meeting on this 10th day of May 2022, with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Douglas Lankford  Dustin Olds  Donya Williams  Tera Hatley  Scott Willard
Chief  Second Chief  Secretary/Treasurer  First Councilperson  Second Councilperson