

## RESOLUTION

Whereas a treaty was made and concluded at Table Creek in the Territory of Nebraska, on the 24th day of September 1857, between the United States of America and the four confederate bands of Pawnee Indians, (this treaty was amended in 1858) in the first article it provided that a reservation in Nebraska be set aside for the Pawnee Tribe; after the Pawnees moved to Oklahoma Territory in 1874, land was purchased for them from the Cherokees and Creeks with which a new reservation was made for them in Oklahoma.

The reservation in Nebraska was then sold for the tribe to settlers; by Pawnee agreement of November 23, 1892, (ratified in 1893) the Government set aside for the Pawnees, several hundred acres in Sections 32 and 33 in Township 22N, Range 5E. of the Indian Meridian, as a school and agency reservation in lieu of similar reservation that had been theirs in Nebraska and which was provided for through treaty stipulations made with the Indians September 24, 1857; in 1908 by Congressional Act, 88.43 acres in Lot 1, Section 32, Township 22N. Range 5E. (Fair Founds) was conveyed by patent to the City of Pawnee for a consideration of \$1.25 per acre. The proceeds from the sale of said land being placed in the U. S. Treasury to the credit of the General Land Office as proceeds from sale of public land; in 1921 the Court of Claims decided that title to the school and agency tracts was held by the Pawnee Tribe; upon notification of the Courts decision, Officials in Washington undertook to rectify the error by transferring the proceeds from the sale of land (to the City of Pawnee) by placing same to the credit of the Pawnee Tribe. Upon being advised of this fact, the tribe through the spokesmen, protested vigorously and realizing that it is the intention of the citizens of Pawnee City to hold the property at all costs, having purchased the land from the Government in good faith, under the presumption that the Government held the school and agency tracts as a part of the public domain.

The tribe now seeks remuneration for the 88.43 acres from the U. S. Government; whose officials erroneously permitted the conveyance of the property thereby, violating the constitution of the United States of America, by disposing of property belonging to the Pawnee Tribe without having appraised the Indians of conveyance and without proper settlement

ever being made to them; in addition, the Government also conveyed two parcels of land out of the same school and agency tracts, in lots 2 and 3 in Section 32, Township 22N., Range 5E., in all about 25.54 acres, to the Baptist Home Mission Board, on or about June 3, 1920, and for this no settlement has ever been made to the Tribe so far, therefore be it:

Resolved, that the 75th Congress of the United States of America be requested to make due reparation to the Pawnee Tribe, for the loss of their property, by appropriating \$25,000.00 (the value of the land) to be paid to the members of said Tribe as a full indemnification for that part of their land in Section 32, Township 22N., Range 5E., of the Indian Meridian in Pawnee County, State of Oklahoma, which was erroneously conveyed by prior sessions of Congress.

At a tribal gathering on February 23, 1937, in the Pawnee Indian School Auditorium, the Pawnee Indians by an unanimous vote authorized the under signed to make the foregoing resolution.

George H. Roberts  
Daniel Bayhille  
Stacy Howell  
Harry D. Cummings

STATE OF OKLAHOMA SS:  
County of Pawnee.

Before me, A. T. Seevers, Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared George H. Roberts, Daniel Bayhille, Stacy Howell and Harry D. Cummings this 25th day of February 1937, who acknowledged to me that they signed the foregoing instrument as their free and voluntary act and deed.

My commission expires November 21, 1937

A. T. Seevers  
Notary Public