

Dear Tribal Members,

I have had the privilege of serving as the Chair of the Kaw Nation since July 2016. It has been an honor to serve my people. I am proud of the things we have accomplished together during these last few months. Together, we have corrected the financial crisis that existed when I took office and now have a fully funded tribal government and assistance program. Together, we have a balanced budget for the first time in many years and an active investment program. Together, we created the opportunity to expand the Newkirk cemetery for our tribal citizens and complete many unfinished capital projects of the Nation.

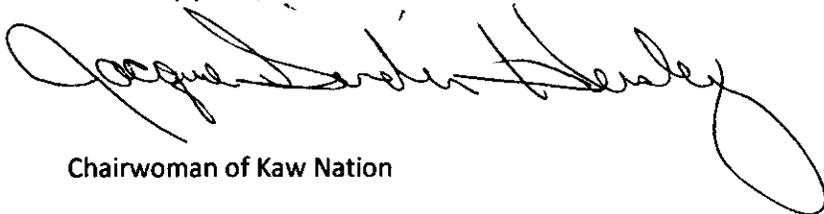
I am proud of the governmental team that has been assembled. The Language Program is more vital than ever. The Grants Department has located and leveraged available resources to increase tribal resources by hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Nation's Law Enforcement efforts are more professional than ever before. Our Domestic Violence, Indian Child Welfare, Child Support and Environmental Programs are considered the gold standard in Oklahoma. Our health professionals are serving more citizens than ever in our history and our wellness programs are having a direct impact on the lives of our people. In short, our governmental workers are hard-working, dedicated, and more efficient than at any time in our history.

The Kaw Nation is looking to the future and our leaders are constantly working to provide more services for our people and opportunity for our children. It is a good time to be a Kaw.

Over the last few months my health has declined and I have been told by my medical advisors to immediately begin to transition to less demanding employment. Because the state of our tribal affairs is currently stronger than it has been in years, I believe it is an appropriate time to transition our government to new leadership. I will be taking medical leave beginning April 3, 2018 until April 13, 2018. Thereafter, I will begin an orderly transition of leadership to Vice-Chair Lynn Dunson. My last day as Chair of the Nation will be May 4, 2018.

I want to thank you for the trust you placed in me to "right the ship" and to begin assembling a great team to lead the Nation into the future. The Nation will always have first place in my heart and I will forever cherish the privilege that I have had to lead our great Nation.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn Barber-Harley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Chairwoman of Kaw Nation