

Greetings from Connie Barker
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Seat 2

The Chickasaw Nation continues to invest in the infrastructure of our great Nation through the sustainability of existing programs as well as engaging in the discovery process for new and innovative strategic initiatives. Our Nation is excelling due to the leadership of so many. Our government is strong because we have invested in over 10,000 employees, through all segments of business, to create this sustainability. It is no different with our Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of government. We must continue to operate as other corporations and companies operate in order to preserve our businesses through economic downturns.

The structure of our businesses is deliberate. It provides some level of insulation during economic downturns and is predicated on creating revenues over expenses. Due to the visionary senior level design in these assets and the financial investment that the Nation has made in its workforce, the Nation, "WE," have sustainability into the future for our children and grandchildren. It is refreshing to have approached Labor Day this year and realize what a tremendous investment we have made in our employees (each other) and can rest, but not get complacent, with the fact that there is sustainability and the nation remains vibrant and poised for the future.

I remain grateful that you have elected me to represent you and I remain faithful to the goals of the Great Chickasaw Nation. I will continue to evaluate all orders of business that come before me, and as one of 13 elected legislators, continue to make informed decisions that will move our Great Nation forward. I trust that each of you continues to embrace our heritage with the zeal and enthusiasm that has positioned us where we are today and that you, as well as I, can say proudly that "It is a good day to be a Chickasaw." God Bless.