



J. Kevin Stitt
Office of the Governor
State of Oklahoma

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-32**

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* caused uncertainty and continues to wreak havoc in nearly half of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court remedied some of the uncertainty in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*; and

WHEREAS, while the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals has repeatedly acknowledged and done its part to ameliorate the post-*McGirt* havoc, it is clear that the *McGirt* decision’s negative effects are unresolved; and

WHEREAS, a recent dispute between a county employee and a tribal police officer in Okmulgee County, in eastern Oklahoma, is a stark reminder of the broken system created by the *McGirt* decision; and

WHEREAS, the lack of jurisdictional clarity, which to date has crippled the state’s ability to resolve issues and continues to negatively impact crime victims, state and tribal law enforcement officials, and all Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, patchwork attempts to identify and resolve issues through non-uniform cross-deputization and jail agreements have been, and continue to be, ineffective as long-term solutions necessary for the good of our State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the need for uniform state-tribal agreements addressing ambiguity in areas including, but not limited to, liability, immunity waivers, and fee-apportionment, as well as state and federal legislative action, has never been clearer. For these reasons, stakeholders must come together to discuss practical solutions and propose recommendations to usher in uniform, lasting change.

THEREFORE, I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the power and authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby order as follows:

A. There is hereby created the One Oklahoma Task Force (the “Task Force”) until June 1, 2024. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to provide the Governor, the Legislature, Tribal leaders, and the state’s congressional delegation with substantive legislative and regulatory recommendations, including but not limited to updated uniform cross-deputization agreements, uniform jail agreements, and state and federal legislative proposals.

B. The Task Force shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

1. The Secretary of Public Safety;
2. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives or designee;
3. The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate or designee;
4. The Attorney General or designee;
5. One member appointed by the District Attorneys Council;
6. One member of a county jail trust appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety;
7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association;
8. One member appointed by the Department of Public Safety;
9. One member appointed by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
10. One member appointed by the Council on Law Enforcement Training;
11. One member appointed by the Oklahoma State Fraternal Order of Police;
12. One member representing Oklahoma's Five Civilized Tribes; and
13. One member representing Oklahoma's other thirty-three (33) tribes.

C. Quorum for official business of the Task Force shall be a majority of those appointed. The Secretary of Public Safety shall serve as chair.

D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by the appointing authority no later than thirty (30) days after this Executive Order is entered. The chair shall hold the first meeting of the Task Force no later than sixty (60) days after this Executive Order is entered. Any vacancies in the membership of the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

E. The Task Force shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act and shall be staffed and supported by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

F. The Task Force may consult with any organization, government entity, or person in the development of its recommendations.

G. On or before June 1, 2024, the Task Force shall electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leaders of the state's thirty-eight (38) federally recognized Indian tribes, and Oklahoma's congressional delegation, a report containing, but not limited to:

1. Legislative and regulatory recommendations to address the *McGirt* decision's negative effects;
2. Uniform cross-deputization and jail agreements; and
3. Any other recommendations relevant to the speedy resolution of the broken system created by the *McGirt* decision, which continues to negatively impact crime victims, state and tribal law enforcement officials, and all Oklahomans.

All Executive departments, officers, agencies, and employees of the State shall cooperate with the Task Force, including providing any information, data, records, and reports as may be requested.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to each appointing authority with representation on the Task Force and all cabinet secretaries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 22nd day of December, 2023.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



ATTEST:

Josh Cockroft, SECRETARY OF STATE