

June 12, 2024

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Attn: Governor John Johnson
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

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Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town
Attn: Chief Wilson Yargee
2122 Highway 27
Wetumka, OK 74883

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P.O. Box 1330
Anadarko, OK 73005

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P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
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P.O. Box 38
Concho, OK 73022

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Choctaw Nation
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P.O. Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74702

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Attn: Chairman John Barrett
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
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Delaware Nation
Attn: President Deborah Dotson
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

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Delaware Tribe of Indians
Attn: Chief Brad KillsCrow
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2838

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Seneca, MO 64865

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43187 US Highway 281
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Kaw Nation
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P.O Box 50
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Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
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P.O. Box 70
McCloud, OK 74851

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P.O. Box 580
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627 Grandview
Pawhuska, OK 74056

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