



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

April 27, 2010

Honorable George Wickliffe  
Chief  
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 746  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

Dear Chief Wickliffe,

Section 402 of P.L. 93-638, as amended, authorizes the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Self-Governance (OSG), to select up to 50 new tribes per year from an applicant pool to participate in the tribal self-governance program. The qualified applicant pool is required to consist of each tribe that meets the following criteria:

- (1) Successfully completes the planning phase, which includes legal and budgetary research, as well as internal tribal government planning and organizational preparation;
- (2) Has requested participation in the tribal self-governance program by resolution or other official action by the tribal governing body; and
- (3) Has demonstrated, for the previous three fiscal years, financial stability and financial management capability as evidenced by the tribe having no material audit exceptions in the required annual audit of the self-determination contracts of the tribe.

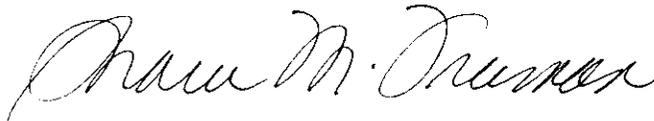
OSG's review of the materials supporting the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has determined that the above criteria were met and the Band's application is considered to be complete as of April 26, 2010. I am pleased to inform you that the Tribe has been placed in the applicant pool and selected to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2011.

I want to congratulate the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma on being accepted to participate in tribal self-governance. The OSG looks forward to working with the Band as it pursues its goals and objectives under tribal self-governance.

Please submit in writing the name and telephone number of a person who will serve as the Band's self-governance coordinator. Please also identify the Bureau(s) or Office(s) within the Department of the Interior (DOI) with whom you wish to negotiate.

Please contact Dr. Ken Reinfeld of my staff by phone at (202) 208-5734 or fax at (202) 219-1404 to schedule your negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharee M. Freeman".

Sharee M. Freeman, Director  
Office of Self-Governance

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