

**Mohegan
Tribe**

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Chris Anoatubby
Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation
Self-Governance Advisory Committee Chairman
c/o Tribal Self-Governance
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Tulsa, OK 74110

**RE: Nomination to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee – Nashville Area
Alternate Representative**

Dear Lt. Governor Anoatubby,

On behalf of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, I am pleased to formally nominate **Councilor Terry Hammel** to serve as the **Alternate Representative for the Nashville Area** on the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC).

Councilor Hammel is currently serving her first term on the Mohegan Tribal Council and brings over 25 years of dedicated service to the Tribe. Prior to her election, she served as Resident Services Manager, where she oversaw assisted living support for residents of the Tribal Retirement Community, including coordination of health care services and communication with families. She previously served as a Social Services Specialist, assisting Tribal citizens in accessing essential services and contributing to policy development and program expansion to support comprehensive, wraparound care. Her work required close coordination across many programs and services, including but not limited to physical, behavioral, and pharmacy services to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of Tribal citizens.

She also served as Cultural and Community Programs Coordinator, leading initiatives that promote cultural preservation, education, and community engagement.

Councilor Hammel holds a master's degree in Sports Management and associate and bachelor's degrees in business administration. She has earned multiple certifications and has demonstrated longstanding commitment through extensive volunteer service, including the Burial Committee, Board of Education, Peacekeeper program, Youth Financial Planning Team, Election Committee, and Wigwam Festival.

As an active member of the Tribe's Health Committee, Councilor Hammel is committed to advancing Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Governance by strengthening health systems for Tribal citizens. She brings thoughtful leadership, strong programmatic experience, and a

deep commitment to community wellness. We are confident she will serve TSGAC with professionalism and distinction.

Additionally, the Mohegan Tribe designates Ms. Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance/Grants Director, as Councilor Hammel's proxy for TSGAC meetings when needed. Ms. Skenandore currently serves on the TSGAC Technical Workgroup Tribal Co-Chair and will continue to support Councilor Hammel by providing technical expertise on Indian Health Service (IHS) Self-Governance matters.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. The Mohegan Tribe is honored to continue contributing to the important work of TSGAC in partnership with our fellow Tribal Nations and federal partners.

Below is the contact information for **Councilor Terry Hammel**:

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Below is the contact information for **Candice Skenandore**:

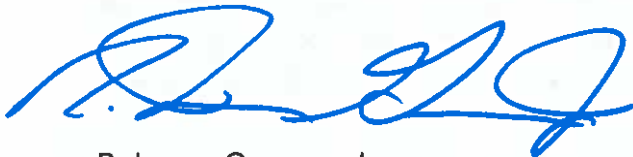
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Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Skenandore at (860) 862-6151 or by email at cskenandore@moheganmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. James Gessner, Jr.', with a stylized, flowing script.

R. James Gessner, Jr.
Chairman

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