

Tribal



Resolution

Wyandot Nation of Kansas

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the **Wyandot Nation of Kansas** (a tribe located in Kansas since 1843) met in a special meeting held on the 18th day of June 2021, there being a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Constitution of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas to act on behalf of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, Wyandot / Wandat traditional beliefs embrace the equality of all peoples, regardless of gender, race, color, creed or ethnicity, and

WHEREAS, members of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas have a rich history of being abolitionists and being a part of the Underground Railroad, a network of people who worked together to hide and transport Freedom Seekers on the journey north to freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandot Reservation in Ohio was known far and wide as a place of refuge for those seeking refuge from slavery, and

- The northern portion of the Wyandot Reservation in Ohio was called “Negro Town” and was the home to freedman and escaped slaves; and
- An interpreter on the Wyandot Reservation in Ohio, John Pointer, was an escaped slave from Virginia, and was the adopted son of Tarhe (the Crane), Principal Chief of the Wyandots; and
- The Methodist Minister on the Wyandot Reservation in Ohio, John Stewart, was a freeman; and
- Freeman and escaped slaves who resided on the Wyandot Reservation in Ohio accompanied the Wyandot to Kansas when the Wyandots were forcibly removed from Ohio to Kansas by the United States government in 1843; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandot Reservation in Kansas was also a place of refuge for those seeking refuge from slavery, until the United States government broke-up the reservation into individual allotments, which ended the following protections:

- Prohibition of slavery on the Wyandot Reservation; and
- Fugitive Slave Act lacked jurisdiction on the Wyandot Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Quindaro, the largest Underground Railroad site in the United States before and during the Civil War,

- was established on the individual Tribal land allotments of 13 Wyandots,
- was the site of the Wyandot House Hotel, owned and operated by **Ebenezer Orlist Zane, Sr.** and **Rebecca Ann (Barnes) Zane**, who safeguarded escaped slaves in their hotel and cistern and arranged, with the assistance of other Wyandots, passage of escaped slaves on Indigenous trails through former Wyandot Reservations in Ohio, Michigan and finally to freedom in Ontario, Canada, and
- was named after a Wyandot, **Nancy Quindaro Brown**, with “Quindaro” meaning “Strength in Unity”, and
- is an Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site in the State of Kansas; and
- received National Commemorative Site status in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Underground Railroad played a significant role in the elimination of slavery in the United States and was a foundation for future Civil Rights movements; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandot Nation of Kansas is a partner of the Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of the efforts of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and its other partners to management and preserve the Underground Railroad Sites in Kansas and Missouri and throughout the world, who have committed themselves to document and share the stories of the Underground Railroad and the enduring struggle for freedom in Kansas and Missouri.

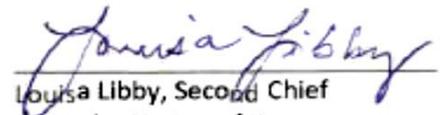
Now, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas, does hereby **proclaims September 2021, as**

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and ask that all Wyandots / Wyandottes / Wendats / Haudenosaunee join the Tribal Council in honoring those from our past who pursued freedom by traveling the Underground Railroad and in expressing gratitude for those who helped them on their way and to join to continue to fight for freedom and equality for everyone.

We, Judith Manthe, Principal Chief and Louisa Libby, Second Chief, of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas do hereby certify that this resolution is true and exact as approved by the Tribal Council in a special called meeting held virtually on the 18th day of June 2021, by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

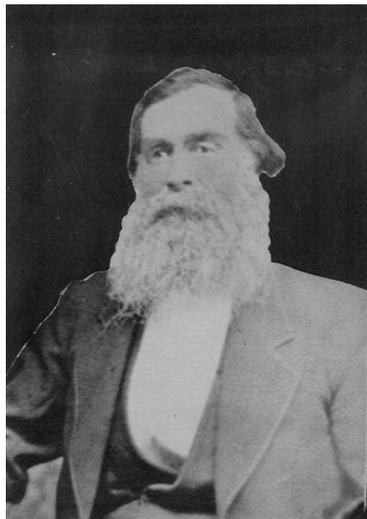

Judith Manthe, Principal Chief
Wyandot Nation of Kansas


Louisa Libby, Second Chief
Wyandot Nation of Kansas

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Everyday is sacred



Rebecca Ann (Barnes) Zane



Ebenezer Orlist Zane, Sr.



Nancy Quindaro Brown