



# DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Your Tribal Councilor makes as much as \$175,000 per year?
- ◆ The Chief and Council set their own salaries and you can never see the tribal budgets?
- ◆ A non-Indian Attorney has represented both the Chief and the Council for nearly 40 years and he makes more than \$30,000 a month?
- ◆ It is believed that this lawyer has been paid over \$30 MILLION while the Choctaws have suffered. This non-Indian attorney controlled Hollis Roberts and Greg Pyle and many believe he controls Gary Batton?
- ◆ For almost 40 years, all our chiefs have been "chosen" by one man and not elected by the people?
- ◆ The Chief appoints the Assistant Chief and can fire him whenever he wants?
- ◆ All 12 members of the Council are men and that's exactly how they intend to keep it?
- ◆ The Chief and the Council used this corrupt system and all the power of the tribe to make sure the last 3 women who ran for Council did not win?
- ◆ We don't have term limits for our Chief and Council and most of the council members have served more than 20 years and some more than 30 years?
- ◆ The Tribal Council conducts all its business behind closed doors and Choctaws are not allowed to attend the meetings where legislation, issues and spending are discussed?
- ◆ Dozens of non-Indians are running the Tribe, drawing enormous salaries and these "bosses" treat tribal employees terribly?
- ◆ Tribal employees have no employee rights, live in fear for their jobs and know the Chief can fire them at any time without recourse?
- ◆ 130,000 or 2/3 of the Choctaws live "at-large" or outside the tribal boundaries?
- ◆ At-large Choctaws have no representation on the Council?
- ◆ 78% of Choctaws are less than ¼ blood and they cannot run for office?
- ◆ The Chief, Assistant Chief, and most of the council do not want to remove the blood quantum and allow any Choctaw to run for office?

# OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE...

- ◆ Those who do know, can't tell those who don't know.
- ◆ The Chief and Council will not allow Choctaws to freely exercise our Freedom of Speech at Tvshka Homma. We must stay in a 10 x 10 square foot stockade. If we step foot outside of this area and talk to anyone about these issues, we will be arrested and/or ordered to leave our sacred capitol grounds.
- ◆ The Choctaw Nation does not have a free press and the tribal newspaper, the Biskinik, is simply a propoganda machine for the Chief's office.
- ◆ Candidates who run for tribal office cannot buy ads in the tribal newspaper and the Biskinik will not print any letters that are critical of the Chief or Council.
- ◆ The Chief and Council will not give the list of registered voters names and addresses to candidates running for office, so their opponents cannot tell you about corruption within the nation or their campaign platforms and vision for the tribe.
- ◆ The Nation has absolutely no campaign fundraising or reporting laws. Companies doing business with the Tribe can give unlimited money to the Chief and Councilors to keep them in office so the non-Indians can continue cashing huge checks and running our tribe.
- ◆ There is no Freedom of Information law in the Choctaw Nation. You cannot write the Chief or Council and ask for information and expect a response. They don't have to and they won't answer your questions.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can help change all of this by signing the petition to amend our Constitution. Together we will bring great change to the Choctaw Nation, honor our ancestors, elect our own leaders and implement an open and transparent government that serves the Chahtas, not the Nahollos.



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