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Julie O’Keefe Sworn in as Osage Nation Foundation Board Member

PAWHUSKA, Okla. (Feb. 16, 2012) – Osage tribal member and entrepreneur Julie O’Keefe was sworn as a board member to the Osage Nation Foundation Board of Directors by Osage Nation Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle on Thursday.

With more than 20 years experience in projects involving a variety of products, including furniture, porcelain, promotional items, education tools and toys, O’Keefe brings a breadth of knowledge to the Foundation.

“Julie will be a very valuable asset for the Osage Nation Foundation in her role as a board member,” Red Eagle said. “She has a proven and successful track record, and is a natural fit to fill this vacancy.”

The appointment is an interim position to complete the five-member board. The nomination will go before the Osage Congress for confirmation during next month’s session.

O’Keefe joins the board with current members Alex Tallchief Skibine, chairman, Katsy Whittenburg, secretary/treasurer, Monte Boulanger, member and Bill Kurtis, member.

O’Keefe is currently the owner of The Grayhorse Group, Inc. where she utilizes the worldwide network of suppliers and manufacturers she has developed throughout her career in custom product development, design and importing. She was born and raised in Pawhuska, Okla., and is a member of the Osage Nation. She currently divides her time between homes in Falls Church, Va. and Fairfax, Okla.

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About the Osage Nation Foundation

The mission of the Osage Nation Foundation is to promote and enhance the general welfare of the people of the Osage Nation by supporting cultural, educational, health, historical, community and other appropriate activities and programs.