

## State of Oklahoma Oklahoma Department of Corrections Division of Institutions

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Tony Fish, Manager Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program 615 E Corporation ST Henryetta, OK 74437

Dear Mr. Fish,

It is with great enthusiasm for me to endorse the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program in their submission for the Second Chance Act, Adult Mentoring Grant to Nonprofit Organizations. There are an increasing number of incarcerated adults released from prisons and jails who will return into our communities. It is imperative that we address the needs of this population through specialized re-entry services and mentoring to effect change. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is committed to a positive partnership between the agency and its volunteers. This partnership is an essential part of achieving the department's mission.

We value our relationship with the Reintegration Program and look forward to improving successful re-entry, reducing recidivism and promoting public safety in our state.

Sincerely,

Bobby Boone, Deputy Director

Oklahoma Department of Corrections