

QUAPAW NATION

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QUAPAW NATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN REGARD TO DEPICTION OF NATION IN “TULSA KING”.

QUAPAW RESERVATION - It has come to the attention of the Quapaw Nation Business Committee that Season 2, Episode 4 of the Paramount + television show “Tulsa King,” introduced characters from the Quapaw Nation including tribal leaders who were portrayed as being involved in a criminal conspiracy related to marijuana and wind energy.

However, the Quapaw Nation was neither consulted nor given the opportunity to approve or reject the use of our sovereign nation’s name or portrayal of our people. The Quapaw Nation opposes any use of its name or purported portrayal of our people without the Nation’s consent. This constitutes cultural appropriation, and we are offended at the context in which the Nation is portrayed. We call on the producers, directors, writers, actors, and distributors of Tulsa King to cease their misrepresentation of the Quapaw Nation, as well as their disparaging and disrespectful portrayal of our Nation, people, and our heritage.

The Nation encourages writers, producers, and viewers to learn more about the Quapaw Nation, its rich history, and future plans at <https://quapawnation.com/>

About the Quapaw Nation - The Quapaw Nation is a federally recognized tribe of approximately 6,060 citizens based in Quapaw, Oklahoma. The O-Gah-Pah, or “Downstream” people, trace their ancestral homelands from what is now known as the Ohio River, west to the Mississippi River to present-day St. Louis, south across present-day Arkansas and eastern and southern Oklahoma.

The Nation serves its people with health care, housing, educational scholarships and language cultural preservation. It operates Downstream Casino Resort in Oklahoma on Interstate 44, just 4 miles east of Joplin, Missouri, Quapaw Casino in Quapaw and Saracen Casino Resort in the nation’s ancestral homelands Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The Quapaw Nation also operates a variety of other business ventures outside of gaming.

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