

Greetings Everyone,

I hope this message finds you and your family well and in good spirits as we face the changes and challenges brought by the coronavirus pandemic.

My name is Michelle Simon and I am running for Tribal Council Person #2.

My anishnabe name is Mis-No-Quah. I carry the name of my paternal grandmother Delores Pahmahmie Wilson (PBPN). I am fish clan. My parents are Janis Simon (Kickapoo) and Gary Wilson (PBPN). I am a mother, daughter, sister, aunt and a proud member of the PBPN Community. I enjoy sewing, beading and teaching these ways to people in our community along with attending services ensuring our culture will continue for many more generations. I hold our culture, language, land, veterans and elders in high regard. I carry myself through life with the values of stay humble, do your best, help the People and be kind.

I have a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Change Management and an undergraduate degree in Communication. I am a seasoned leader within both the tribal government and the casino with a combined 20 years of experience, developing valuable operational knowledge and becoming well versed in the laws, ordinances and policies that provide guidance and oversight to both. For the past four years I have served as the Nation's Media Relations Specialist keeping the Nation informed while maintaining objectivity. I possess a keen awareness of the issues impacting the Nation at the local, state and federal level. These skills and insights will be critical as the Nation navigates the on-going impacts created by the coronavirus pandemic, along with the ongoing issues the Nation faces.

I carry a commitment to the care and wellbeing of our tribe on all levels, from individual tribal members to the tribe as a government entity. I have provided 20 years of service on multiple committees, advocating for our tribal members and assisting in community events. I maintain active participation in our Nation's government, which has provided me with a comprehensive knowledge of our Constitution and By-Laws. It is extremely important that leadership understand and uphold the foundation of our government.

I believe in a tribal government for all, on-rez, in-state, or out of state and have been a leading voice in promoting access to information through the leverage of technology to make our government more equitable for all tribal members. I am in support of recording meetings, providing greater transparency and increasing access to services. I look forward to implementing the Nation's 5-Year Strategic Plan, that was created with input from the general membership along with many hours put in by PBPN directors and managers to achieve our common goals.

As a Nation, we need to expand our economy at every level including small business by individual tribal members and creating business opportunities outside the boundaries of our reservation. I think the Topeka and Kansas City markets hold opportunities to create new revenue streams that could benefit our membership. I am equally excited to see the outcome of our venture into hemp production and the opportunities we can create through the Potawatomi Economic Development summit. I also have more ideas in the areas of internet connectivity, food resources, and recreation.

In my years of service to our tribe, I have proven myself to be capable, committed, and able to work cooperatively with a wide range of personalities to achieve real results. Most importantly I have the confidence in our ability to stand together and lead our Nation through the social and political landscape set before us.

I would appreciate your vote in this election. Let's visit! Give me a call at 785-608-8851, shoot an email to misnoquah@gmail.com or check me on Facebook at Michelle Simon for PBPN TC 2020.

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