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My name is Melvin "Nanoki" Lewis II, I am honored to be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. My parents are Aurora Knoxsah, Potawatomi/Kickapoo and Melvin Lewis, Potawatomi (deceased). I am married to a wonderful woman, Tiffany "Kittkabowe" Lewis (Meskwaki). We have 9 loving children between us that are being raised with a strong cultural background in Mshkotani, Kiikaapoa, and Meskwaki heritage. We are strong supporters and participants of our cultural ways. Through this, I have gained extensive qualities to become more open minded, passionate, caring, and loving for all walks of life.

I would like to touch on a few important thoughts that I believe in. We as Nishnabek, should take care of everything that was given to us including our culture and heritage. We believe in protecting our ways of life, the ground we walk on, the air we breathe, the water of

life and most importantly, through Prayer. Without any of this we could not raise our families as we do today. This is the balance we live in today, between two worlds.

I have worked in many fashions of jobs. The most rewarding was being a supervisor firefighter/EMT in our tribal fire department for almost twenty years. Here I had the opportunity to gain professional management knowledge of Federal, State, Local and other Tribal entities. One of the most important aspects of this job was the caring for our people, and protecting the tribe's infrastructure through emergency services on the reservation and assisting surrounding communities. I was also offered the opportunity to manage as the Fire Chief/Director. Critical thinking and multitasking is a necessity.

Today, our people and others around us are faced with a deadly silent killer known as Covid-19. This virus has caught all off-guard and crippled everything we know to be our normal. This will take a great amount of planning efforts to adapt and overcome. One of the most important qualities I have learned in my career in Emergency Management is to be prepared, respond, mitigate and recover. We are resilient.

Other issues raised today are of importance, such as sovereignty, national court cases, housing, land issues and many others to name but a few. With your help, we could help raise other important issues for the future generations to come, such as blood quantum, economic development, jobs and job security. Also keeping in mind, our tribal constitution to be upheld in our work ethics.

Through my experiences, training, and knowledge gained, I am very positive I can serve you, as the Potawatomi people's choice.

"Let me be your voice, let me be your vote" Vote Nanoki for Tribal Council Member 2.

Please feel free to contact me, I would enjoy a conversation with you.

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