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Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Announces Resignation of Vice Chief Dr. Marvin “Marty” Richardson.

HOLLISTER, N.C. – The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe announces the resignation of Dr. Marvin Richardson from the elected office of Vice Chief, effective July 29, 2026. The Tribal Council has acknowledged the resignation and expresses deep appreciation for Dr. Richardson's service as Vice-Chief and his continued commitment to the Haliwa-Saponi people. During his tenure, he contributed to Tribal initiatives involving long-range planning, economic development, historic preservation, federal recognition efforts and intergovernmental relations.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.11(b) of the Tribe's by-laws, the resignation creates a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chief and the Tribal Council shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Candidates from previous elections may be considered, and any appointment must be approved by majority vote of the Tribal Council. The individual selected to fill the vacancy will be administered the Tribal Oath of Office before assuming their term of office.

The Tribal Council welcomes input from Haliwa-Saponi citizens regarding the appointment to fill this vacancy. Citizens who have recommendations for individuals to be considered are encouraged to forward those recommendations to Chairman Earl Evans by email at eevans@haliwa-saponi.gov by August 17, 2026 no later than 12:00 PM Noon EST.

About the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a sovereign indigenous nation, headquartered in Hollister, North Carolina, and serves as an active advocate for the well-being and prosperity of its citizens. Dedicated to protecting the interests, identity, and cultural heritage of the Haliwa-Saponi people, the Tribe works to advance its community by securing vital educational, health, economic development, housing, cultural, and social programs. The Tribe actively seeks partnerships with local, state, and federal governments and other entities to address critical community needs and find solutions that improve public health, infrastructure, and long-term stability for the entire region.

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