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Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Unanimously Appoints Howard Richardson as Vice Chief HOLLISTER, N.C., Aug. 18, 2026 – The Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council unanimously voted during its regular meeting on Aug. 17, 2026, to appoint Howard Richardson to fill the vacancy in the Office of Vice Chief and complete the unexpired term ending in June 2029. The appointment was made pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.11(b) of the Tribe's bylaws.

The vacancy was created following the resignation of Dr. Marvin “Marty” Richardson, who submitted his resignation effective July 29, 2026. The Tribal Council subsequently acknowledged the resignation and initiated the process to appoint a qualified citizen to serve the remainder of the term. Following notification to tribal citizens and the receipt of community input, the Tribal Council considered qualified candidates and voted unanimously to appoint Howard Richardson to the position.

Under the Tribe's governing documents, Howard Richardson will assume the duties of Vice Chief upon taking the oath of office at the next Special or Regular Tribal Council meeting. The appointment will continue through the remainder of the current term, concluding in June 2029, unless otherwise determined by election.

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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