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Howard Richardson Sworn In as Vice Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
HOLLISTER, N.C., Sept. 23, 2026 – Howard Richardson was officially sworn in as Vice Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe during the Regular Tribal Council Meeting held on Sept. 21, 2026.

The oath of office follows the Tribal Council's previous unanimous appointment of Howard Richardson to fill the vacancy in the Office of Vice Chief and serve the remainder of the current term, which concludes in June 2029.

The vacancy was created following the resignation of Dr. Marvin "Marty" Richardson. In accordance with the Tribe's governing documents, Tribal Council appointed Howard Richardson to continue the unexpired term and provide continuity in tribal leadership and governance. As Vice Chief, Howard Richardson will serve alongside the Chief and Tribal Council in carrying out the governmental responsibilities of the Tribe, supporting programs and services for tribal citizens, and advancing initiatives that strengthen the Haliwa-Saponi community. The swearing-in marks the official commencement of Howard Richardson's service as Vice Chief.

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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