

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

<b>WILLIAM S. FLETCHER, et al.,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>CASE NO: 02-CV-427 GFK-PJC</b>
	)	
	)	<b>CLASS ACTION</b>
<b>THE UNITED STATES OF</b>	)	
<b>AMERICA, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants,</b>	)	

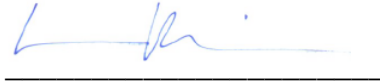
**DECLARATION OF WILSON PIPESTEM**

I, Wilson Pipestem, declare as follows:

1. I was lead counsel for the Osage Nation for the final eight years of the eleven year litigation against the United States in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. As such, I participated in every meaningful settlement discussion with the United States.

2. During the negotiations leading up to the final settlement agreement between the Osage Nation and the United States, I was contacted by counsel for Plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. Counsel for Plaintiffs asked whether the Nation was attempting to settle the *Fletcher, et. al v. United States, et. al*, case by settling the Nation's Court of Federal Claims case. I stated that we were not settling the *Fletcher* case, which I understood to be a case brought by Osage individuals related to accountings related to segregation of funds.

3. Had the Osage Nation wanted to settle the *Fletcher* case, we would have ensured that the settlement agreement with the United States would have included the *Fletcher* case by name.



Wilson K. Pipestem