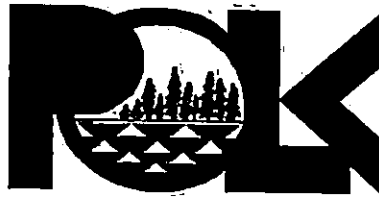


# PROCLAMATION

*County of Polk*



**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the County of Polk, I wish to record our deep sorrow over the passing of Principal Chief Mikko Colabe III (Clem Fain Syléstine) on May 25, 2019, and;

**WHEREAS**, Principal Chief Mikko Colabe III was a beloved father, grandfather, friend, and community volunteer, and;

**WHEREAS**, He grew up on the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation, and;

**WHEREAS**, Principal Chief Mikko Colabe III was an accomplished and well respected individual who attended Austin College; worked as an educator, coach and at SHECO as JTPA Job Developer; served on the Tribal Council and as Tribal Council Chairman, then as Second Chief and finally as Principal Chief; and was involved in the Indian Village Presbyterian Church, and;

**WHEREAS**, His life was dedicated to the best interests of the community and his family, and;

**WHEREAS**, The County of Polk along with his family are blessed to have known him and been a part of his life, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Sydney Murphy, Judge of Polk County, on behalf of the entire Commissioners' Court, in recognition of Principal Chief's many contributions to our County and its citizens, do hereby express our deep appreciation for his dedication to the progress of his community and extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

*In witness whereof I set my hand and  
Cause the seal of this County to be affixed.*

County Judge

*Sydney Murphy*  
This 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2018.