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**Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Releases Official Results of the 2009 Tribal Council Elections in Crystal Ridge and Tucker Communities**

CHOCTAW, Miss. – Official results of the 2009 Choctaw Tribal Council elections in the Crystal Ridge and Tucker communities have been released by the Tribal Election Committee. Elections were held Tuesday, August 25, 2009, for two Tribal Council representatives, one for Crystal Ridge and one for Tucker. Absentee ballots were counted on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Incumbent councilwoman Ann M. Wesley of Crystal Ridge has been re-elected to a four-year term, and Peter J. Steve of Tucker has been elected to a four-year term. Both of their terms expire in 2013.

**Official Results – Number of Votes Received:**

**Crystal Ridge – Three (3) Candidates – One (1) Position**

Chris Eaves (42)	<b>*Ann M. Wesley (52)</b>	Joseph Wesley (5)
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**Tucker – Seven (7) Candidates – One (1) Position**

John L. Chickaway (3)	Lee R. Chickaway (2)	<b>*Tony Martin (88)</b>
Linda F. McMillan (78)	Eric Nickey (20)	<b>Peter J. Steve (131)</b>
Billy Thompson (5)		

\* denotes Incumbent

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, under the esteemed leadership of Mjko Beasley Denson has an enrolled membership of almost 10,000 and is the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Mississippi. Headquartered in the Pearl River community, near Philadelphia, Mississippi, the Tribe has emerged as a leader in economic development. The Tribe provides a range of governmental services for its

members including schools, a hospital, medical clinics, police and fire protection, courts, an elderly center, among many others.