POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS

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POARCH CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION, AL – July 5, 2017 – It is with great sadness that we share the tragic news of Robert Thrower’s, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), death yesterday afternoon. He was killed in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 29 near the Dixie Community.

Robert Thrower had a deep and abiding love of for his Tribe and a true commitment to preserving Poarch Creek history and culture, he began working officially for the Poarch Creek Indians on July 9, 1991. He followed in the footsteps of his mother, Gail Thrower, Poarch Creek’s first Tribal historian, and was respected throughout Indian Country for his historic knowledge of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Not only was he proud to represent the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but he considered it an honor to serve on the United South and Eastern Tribes Culture and Heritage Committee. He served on the committee from 2004-2008 and as Chairman of the USET Committee from 2008-2017.

“Robert Thrower served a vital role at Poarch as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and he will be sorely missed. Our love and prayers go out to his family and all who knew and cared for this accomplished member of our Tribe who gave so much to our Poarch community, the State and Indian Country,” commented Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair.

Funeral services are still pending at this time.

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