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## KANSAS LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

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**Atchison, Kans.**, December 23, 2003 – Chris Howell, vice-chair of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, has been appointed to the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the lead organization responsible for the bicentennial commemoration of 2003-2006.

Howell also serves as an alternate representative for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma to the Circle of Tribal Advisors (COTA), which is an advisory board to the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

“I look forward to working on the Lewis and Clark National Council Board and their continued efforts to provide a national platform for all cultures to share their views of this historic event.”

Howell interacts with Kansas tribes in many capacities. He serves as the chairman of the Native Cultures sub-committee of the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, and as interim treasurer of the Kansas American Indian Arts Council. He also serves as the Kansas Arts Commission’s liaison to the four resident tribes of Kansas: the Prairie Band Potawatomi, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas. He works to promote historically and culturally correct education and arts education programs/projects about Native American tribes and the tribes located in the State of Kansas, as well as the support and promotion of the Native American arts industry.

Howell is employed by the Kansas Arts Commission, where he works as a public service administrator, chief financial officer, and Native American arts liaison.

Howell received a Bachelor’s of Science in business from Emporia State University. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and golfing.

The National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial has headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. It is the mission of the National Council to commemorate that journey, re-kindle its spirit of discovery, and acclaim the contributions and goodwill of the native peoples. In cooperation with state, federal, and tribal governments – and all interested individuals and organizations, the Council promotes educational programs, cultural sensitivity and harmony, and the

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sustaining stewardship of natural and historical resources along the route of the Expedition. More information about the National Council is available on the Internet at [www.lewisandclark200.org](http://www.lewisandclark200.org).

**Please Note:** Attached is a digital image of Chris Howell