

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO PLACE PROPERTY IN PITTSBURG COUNTY IN TRUST
STATUS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

THOMAS WILLISTON INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AUTHORIZE the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the below mentioned property in Pittsburg County in trust status with the United States of America.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Choctaw Tribal Council shall enact rule and regulations pertaining to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of chief executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma ("the Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Nation with authority to acquire land for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of its people and taking further advantage of the opportunities for self-determination and economic independence. As a recognized Indian Nation, the Nation is eligible to utilize the fee to trust application process set out in the 25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 151 including Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934, as amended, which is codified at 25 U.S.C. § 465, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to acquire land in trust for Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has acquired fee title to 9.32 acres of real property located 1127 South George Nigh Expressway, McAlester, Oklahoma, within the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The subject property is not adjacent to any trust land, but is located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. The property is described as follows:

A tract of land being part of Lot 92, Townsite Addition #4, to the Town of McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, which is part of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an ODOT Brass Cap at the Southwest Corner of Lot 93 also being the Southwest Corner of the SE¼ of Section 18; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, along the South Line of Lot 93 and the South Line of the SE¼ of said Section 18, a distance of 660.33 feet to a Railroad Tie Corner Post at the Southwest Corner of Lot 92 and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, along the South line of Lot 92, a distance of 217.93 feet to a Cut X in Concrete; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds East, a distance of 323.70 feet to a Set 5/8 inch Iron Rod with aluminum cap stamped MM Land Surveying, LS#1367; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 112.07 feet to a #3 Iron Rod with Cap stamped L.S. 1073; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 934.17 feet to a Set 5/8 inch Iron Rod with aluminum cap stamped MM Land Surveying, LS#1367, said Point being 61.40 feet South of the North Line of Lot 92; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds West, and parallel with the North Line of Lot 92, a distance of 329.95, to a Set 5/8 inch Iron Rod with aluminum cap stamped MM Land Surveying, LS#1367 said Point being 61.40 feet South of the Northwest Corner of Lot 92; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 59 seconds West, along the West Line of Lot 92, a distance of 1258.81 feet to the Point of Beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST; and

A tract of land being part of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 15 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, Commencing at an ODOT Brass Cap at the Northwest Corner of the NE¼ of Section 19; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, along the North Line of the NE¼ of said Section 19, a distance of 660.33 feet to a Railroad Tie Corner Post at the Southwest Corner of Lot 92, Townsite #4, to the Town of McAlester, also being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, along the North line of the NE¼ of Section 19, a distance of 217.93 feet to a Cut X in Concrete; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance of 82.09 feet to a #3 Iron Rod with Cap stamped L.S., 1073 on the North Right of Way Line of U.S. Highway #69; thence South 69 degrees 02 minutes 14 seconds West, along said Right of Way Line, a distance of 233.19 feet to a #4 Iron Rod; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 165.73 feet to the Point of Beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST; and

The two (2) described tracts contain 9.32 acres, more or less, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined the need for additional trust land to its land base to promote tribal self-determination and self-sufficiency, by expanding its tribal governmental services to grow with and accommodate Tribal members. The Nation is committed to creating a healthier lifestyle by providing a medical clinic to help improve the quality of health care by saving lives and improving the quality of life for our tribal members and community. This commitment is evident by easily accessible clinics for tribal members and community; and

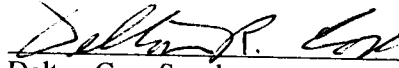
WHEREAS, the Nation intends to continue utilizing the property for a medical clinic. The clinic is located at 1127 South George Nigh Expressway, McAlester, Oklahoma; and

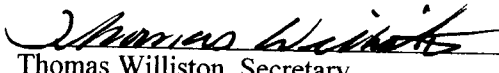
WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to request the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to accept this fee title to the United States of America to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; and

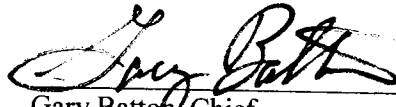
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place this property into trust status in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and procedure for the acquisition of land.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on March 14, 2015. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 60 -15 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes and zero (0) abstaining.


Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 3-19-15