

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO PLACE PROPERTY IN BRYAN 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 Bryan 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 131.16 acres of real property located on the west side of U.S. Highway Nos. 69 and 75 and U.S. Highway 70 bypass, within the City of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma. The subject property is contiguous to a parcel of land to the south that is held in trust for the Nation. The subject property is located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation, a federally recognized Tribe. The property is described as follows:

That portion of the E½ SW¼ of Section 1 and that portion of the NW¼ of Section 12, all in Township 7 South, Range 8 East, Indian Meridian, Bryan County, Oklahoma, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the NW¼ of Section 12; thence along the South line of said NW¼, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 46 seconds East 1050.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing along said South line, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 46 seconds East, 1435.43 feet to the West right-of-way of US Highway No. 69/75; thence along said West right-of-way line, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East 1427.62 feet to a point distant 1212.53 feet from the intersection of the North line of said NW¼ of Section 12 and said West right-of-way of US Highway 69/75, measured along said West right-of-way line, and the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left, concave Southwesterly having a radius of 875.77 feet, the chord of said curve bears North 20 degrees 43 minutes 19 seconds West 612.85 feet, said beginning being the Southern most point of parcel 29 of US Highway 70 bypass; thence along the Southwesterly right-of-way of said parcel 29 the following three courses: 1) Northwesterly along last described 875.77 foot radius curve and arc distance of 626.10 feet through a central angle of 40 degrees 57 minutes 41 seconds; 2) North 39 degrees 33 minutes 43 seconds West, 331.43 feet; and 3) North 23 degrees 44 minutes 29 seconds West, 420.23 feet to a point on the North line of said NW¼ of said Section 12 distant 598.01 feet from the intersection of said US Highway 69/75 and said North line of NW¼, measured along said North line, said point being the Westerly most point of said parcel 29 of US Highway No. 70 bypass and the most Southerly Southwest corner of parcel 28 of said US Highway 70 bypass; thence traversing the interior of said E½ SW¼ of said Section 1 along the Southwest line of said parcel 28 of US Highway 70 bypass, North 23 degrees 41 minutes 23 seconds West 856.06 feet; thence continuing along said Southwest line of said parcel 28, North 40 degrees 00 minutes 43 seconds West 351.00 feet to a point on the West line

of said E½ SW¼ of Section 1, distant 1585.30 feet from the Northwest corner of said E½ SW¼ of said Section 1, measured along said West line; thence leaving said Southwest line of said parcel 28, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 29 seconds West 1051.95 feet along said West line of said E½ SW¼ of Section 1 to the Southwest corner thereof; thence along the said North line of said NW¼ of said Section 12, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds West 1318.09 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence along the West line of said NW¼, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 31 seconds West 1809.48 feet to a point 829.72 feet Northerly of said Southwest corner of said NW¼ measured along said West line; thence parallel with the South line of said NW¼, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 46 seconds East, 1050.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line of said NW¼, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 31 seconds West 829.72 feet to the true point of beginning; containing 131.16 acres, more or less, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined the need for additional trust land to its land base to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty, self-sufficiency and economic independence, by pursuing economic development opportunities and sustainable income for the Nation. This acquisition will provide tribal employment opportunities and generate revenue from which it can invest into education, health care, housing, job training, and numerous other governmental services provided to tribal members; and

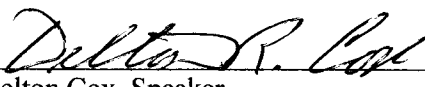
WHEREAS, the acquired property is presently vacant land and contiguous to trust property to the south. The Nation intends to utilize the property for the economic development of a call center. The call center would offer employment opportunities to the area, provide income for the Nation and to promote self-determination; and

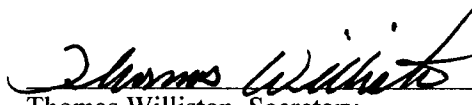
WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to request the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to accept this fee title to the United States of America to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

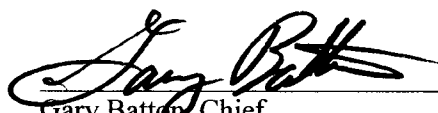
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place this property into trust status in accordance 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 April 11, 2015. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 74 -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 Batten, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 4-15-15 .