

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

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**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 Choctaw County in trust status with the United States of America.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article IX, Sections 4 and 6 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 0.66 acres of real property located in 501 Hunter, Boswell, Choctaw County, Oklahoma. The subject property is located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. The property is described as follows:

Lots Numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block Numbered 28 in the Original Townsite of Boswell, Oklahoma, according to the original plat and survey thereof, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST.

***ALSO KNOWN BY SURVEYED LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:***

A tract of land being all of Lots Numbered 5 thru 11 in Block 28 in the Original Townsite of Boswell, Oklahoma according to the recorded Plat thereof, said tract of land being further described by metes and bounds with a true base bearing being North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43

seconds West, along the West line of Block 28 of the Original Townsite of Boswell, Oklahoma according to the recorded Plat thereof, described as: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Lot 5 in Block 28 of the Original Townsite of Boswell according to the Original Plat and survey thereof; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West, along the West line of Lot 5 of said Block 28, a distance of 165.00 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot 5 of said Block 28; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 17 seconds East, along the North line of Lots Numbered 5 thru 11 in said Block 28, a distance of 175.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of Lot 11 of said Block 28; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East, along the East line of Lot 11 in said Block 28, a distance of 165.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 11 in said Block 28; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 17 seconds West, along the South line of Lots 5 thru 11 in said Block 28, a distance of 175.00 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.66 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 accommodate increase in governmental services to tribal members to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty, self-sufficiency and economic independence. The Nation has approximately 200,000 enrolled members, approximately 47,649 living in the tribal service area. See BIA, American Indian Population and Labor Force Report, (2010). The Nation expects tribal membership to increase along with tribal services, these services such as education, health care, housing, cultural, youth and family programs, and numerous other social programs all depending on revenue generated from economic opportunities. The Nation has a strong commitment to economic development which is essential for future generation to come, new approaches must be taken to generate sustainable revenue for the Nation. In 2014, the Nation was one of the five areas selected for the Promise Zone initiative to create partnership with the communities and businesses to create jobs, increase economic security, expand educational opportunities, excess to affordable housing, and improving public safety. By this designation, the Nation has the opportunity to investing in its members and community to bring economic opportunities to areas of needs. This acquisition will assist the Nation to meeting the Nation's current and long-term needs and investments; and

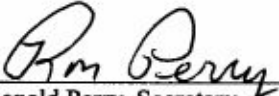
**WHEREAS**, the Nation intends to use the vacant commercial building for The Choctaw Country Market and convenience store. The store will feature groceries and household goods, offering affordable prices, a variety of fresh produce, made to order meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a deli with pre-packaged meals to go, a bakery, and butcher processing fresh meats daily; 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 twelve (12 ) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 14, 2017. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 02-18 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12 ) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.

  
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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Kenny Bryant, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Battos, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-17-17