

**TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR  
SOCIALY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND VETERAN FARMERS AND  
RANCHERS**

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

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the funds and budget from the United States Department of Agriculture for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation has been awarded a grant by the United States Department of Agriculture for budget period September 29, 2017 through September 28, 2018 in the amount of \$199,998 to provide training and technical assistance projects designed to assist socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating viable agricultural enterprises; and

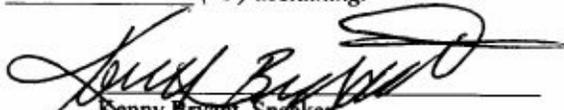
**WHEREAS**, the total federal budget is \$199,998 with no required match; and

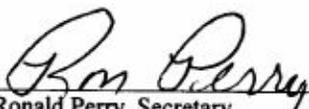
**WHEREAS**, funds for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers from the United States Department of Agriculture will assist the Choctaw Nation in supporting beginning farmers and ranchers, focusing on communities in persistent poverty, mitigating the vast distance of the extremely rural area, and maximizing outreach by partnering with nonprofits, Federal, state, and local entities to share resources, leverage funds for common outcomes, and efficiently cover the region to provide the highest quality services for socially disadvantaged producers and youth.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept and approve the funds and budget from the United States Department of Agriculture for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers.

**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- 19 -18 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.*

  
Kenny Bryant, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-17-17