

**TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT - LENDING PROGRAM FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PLANNING PROJECT**

**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 Rural Business Development Grant - Lending Program Feasibility Study and Planning Project.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation has been awarded a grant by the United States Department of Agriculture for budget period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$91,072 to research and develop a plan to assist small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas; and


**WHEREAS**, the total federal budget is \$91,072 with a required \$32,756 match of tribal funds (\$6,106 cash and \$26,650 in-kind); and

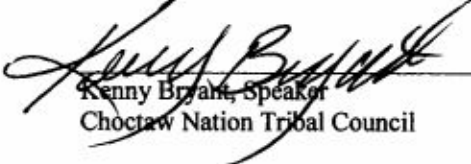
**WHEREAS**, funds for the Rural Business Development Grant - Lending Program Feasibility Study and Planning Project from the United States Department of Agriculture and the tribal funds will assist the Choctaw Nation in researching the feasibility of implementing a business lending program for the Choctaw Nation to administer to Tribal Members with a specific focus on Hughes, Coal, Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain, Pushmataha, Haskell, and Leflore counties.


**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 Rural Business Development Grant - Lending Program Feasibility Study and Planning Project.

**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 11, 2017. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 21 -18 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Kenny Bryant, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-17-17