

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROJECT FOR AMERICAN INDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** an application to the United States Department of Education (ED) for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities up to \$650,000 over four years.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") realizes the need to provide a program of vocational rehabilitation services, in a culturally relevant manner, to American Indians with disabilities residing on or near federal or state reservations;

**WHEREAS**, there is a required 10% match of total project cost;

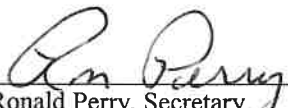
**WHEREAS**, funds from the ED will assist the Nation in enabling American Indians with disabilities, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, to prepare for and engage in gainful employment with program services provided under an individualized plan for employment and may include native healing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Choctaw Nation to apply for the ED Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities.

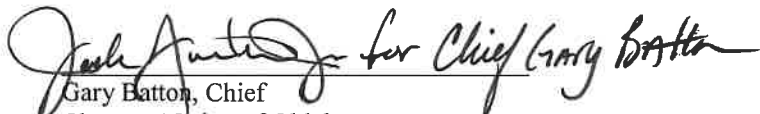
**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the United States Department of Education for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities.

**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) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 13, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-127-19 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.*

  
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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Delton Cox, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 07/15/2019

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To provide a program of vocational rehabilitation services, in a culturally relevant manner, to American Indians with disabilities residing on or near federal or state reservations.

(\*\*NOTE: The Notice of Funding Announcement uses the “on or near federal or state reservations” terminology. We are using that terminology in our council bill to meet that statute.)

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROJECT FOR AMERICAN INDIANS WITH DISABILITIES

**Agency:** Department of Education (ED)

**Budget:** up to \$650,000

**Match Required:** 10% of the total project cost.

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Debbie Davenport, Vocational Rehabilitation; Stacy Shepherd, Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO.