

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, TO APPROVE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A HEALTH CLINIC IN HUGO, OKLAHOMA**

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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 APPROVE** application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, for the Joint Venture Construction Program.

**TO APPROVE** and authorize the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to negotiate and execute a Joint Venture Construction Agreement between the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services;

**TO APPROVE** funding to construct and equip a replacement health clinic in Hugo, Oklahoma in accordance with the Joint Venture Construction Agreement and subject to appropriations;

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation the ("Nation") recognizes the need to improve the accessibility of health care services to Tribal members, eligible Native Americans, and employees in Hugo, Oklahoma, and surrounding areas within the Choctaw Nation's geographical area;

**WHEREAS**, the existing Health Clinic in Hugo, Oklahoma (the "Hugo Clinic") was built in 1973 and needs to be replaced due to the age and space of the existing building;

**WHEREAS**, the limited scope of care available in the existing Hugo Clinic cause Tribal members and other patients to travel long distances for certain services;

**WHEREAS**, the Hugo Clinic currently has an active patient population ("User Population") of approximately 6,100 patients and is undersized for the number of patients seeking healthcare and living within a thirty (30) minute driving radius;

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service ("IHS") has announced the application process for the Joint Venture Construction Program with pre-application due October 11, 2019, whereby the Nation may commit to construct and equip the healthcare facility, and IHS commits to provide recurring operating funds for the facility;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply, and upon selection and pursuant to a negotiated Joint Venture Agreement, authorize resources sufficient to construct and equip a replacement healthcare facility in Hugo, Oklahoma, subject to a future appropriations enactment.


**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED**, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for the Chief or his designee to apply for the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Construction Program to replace the Choctaw Nation Health Clinic in Hugo, Oklahoma.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, that this Bill be cited as approval for the Chief or his designee to negotiate and execute an associated Joint Venture Construction Agreement with Indian Health Services to construct and equip a health care facility in Hugo, Oklahoma.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this bill be cited as approval to provide sufficient funding to construct and equip such facility in accordance with the Joint Venture Agreement and subject to appropriations.


**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 September 14, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 147 -19 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

Date 9/18/2019

  
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Delton Cox, Speaker    Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Chief Gary Batton  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** The Indian Health Service (IHS) has announced the Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP), with a pre-application due in less than sixty (60) days for October 11, 2019. There is no specific commitment of funding at this time. Funding requirements are subject to the negotiated joint venture agreement and to future appropriations by Tribal Council. This bill approves application to the JVCP to construct and equip the Hugo Health Facility in Hugo, Oklahoma.

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**Agency:** Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority

**Budget:** TBD-This is for an application for the Joint Venture Construction Program

**Match Required:** TBD-Funding by the Nation is subject to the Joint Venture Agreement, determined through negotiation, and any future appropriations determined by the Tribal Council.

**Request by/Project Director:** Todd Hallmark, Executive Officer, Choctaw Health Services Authority; Teresa Jackson, SEO.