

TO AUTHORIZE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN NATIONWIDE TITLE VI ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE participation in the most current nationwide Title VI elder needs assessment.

WHEREAS, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma realizes the need to enhance the health and well-being of tribal elders and long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country;

WHEREAS, National Resource Centers have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment, which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and

WHEREAS, The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work;

WHEREAS, In addition to providing technical assistance, the National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and the National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities. (Older Americans Act, Pub. L. No. 89-73, 79 Stat. 218 (1965) (amended through Pub. L. No. 114-144 (2016));

WHEREAS, the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national;

WHEREAS, Each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment, as applicable
 - A list of elders to interview
 - Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
 - Interpretation of the results with local input
 - Development of recommendations for actions

- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and

WHEREAS, Summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person, and the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; as a result, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at one of the National Resource Centers on Native Aging within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as authorizing participation in the most current *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED the Tribal Council grants permission to the National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.


BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation belongs to the Choctaw Nation and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without Tribal Council approval.

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 January 12, 2018. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 73 -19 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 2-12-19

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve participation in nationwide Title VI Elder Needs Assessment Survey, as required for Title VI Administration on Aging grant.

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Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Budget: NA

Match Required: NA

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