

TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTERS WITHIN THE NATION IN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Agriculture for up to One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and 09/100 (\$1,860,525.09) for the improvement of the Food Distribution Program warehouses within the Choctaw Nation in response to the global pandemic.

TO APPROVE a match of twenty percent (20%) of any funds awarded.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has allocated \$100 million dollars in funding for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act);

WHEREAS, \$50 million dollars of the \$100 million dollars has been allocated for tribal food distribution facility-improvement and equipment upgrades;

WHEREAS the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") seeks to improve and expand tribal food distribution facilities so that members have access to food during the global pandemic and to ensure there are no food shortages;

WHEREAS, the Nation hereby intends to apply for additional funds up to One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and 09/100 (\$1,860,525.09) for the expansion of food distribution warehouses;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve application to the United States Department of Agriculture, FDIPR, for up One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and 09/100 (\$1,860,525.09) for the improvement of food distribution warehouses in response to the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to allocate a 20% match of any funds awarded, for the purpose of expanding and improving food distribution warehouses within the Nation.

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 U.S. Department of Agriculture for up to One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and 09/100 (\$1,860,525.09) to improve food distribution warehouses in response to the global pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this bill be cited as approval to allocate a match of twenty percent (20%) of any funds awarded by the U.S. Department Agriculture for the above-mentioned program.

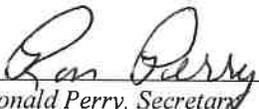
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his

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designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

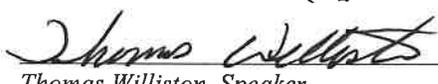
CERTIFICATION

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 May 9, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 81 -20 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

Date 5-14-2020



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Bolton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill approves an application to the USDA for funding provided under the CARES Act, to the Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). \$100 million dollars has been set-aside for food and administrative costs associated with tribal food distribution programs. The Nation is applying for up to \$1,860,525.09. The program requires a 20% match of any awarded funds. This bill seeks Council approval to apply for funds and to allocate 20% of funds to awarded by the USDA.

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Agency: Food Distribution

Budget: Up to \$1,860,525.09, pending USDA approval.

Match Required: 20% match of awarded funding;

Request by Project Director: Jerry Tonubbee, Program Director of Food Distribution, Teresa Jackson, SEO of Member Services.