

**TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND MONEY RECEIVED UNDER
THE CARES ACT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Fund (the “CRF”) money received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) from the United States Department of the Treasury (the “Treasury Department”) to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide assistance to Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Members with expenses for housing, food, education and training, and future needs related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and to stabilize Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma government operations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Tribal Council (the “Council”) of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) will approve the annual tribal budget;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall manage, administer and direct the operation of tribal programs, activities and services;

WHEREAS, the Nation has received CARES Act CRF funds from the Treasury Department in the amount of two hundred million, eight hundred thirty-nine thousand, six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$200,839,625);

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined it will allocate its CRF funds into three categories (collectively the “Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund”) in order to address the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic within the Nation: (1) COVID-19 Coronavirus Tribal Member Relief; (2) COVID-19 Coronavirus Government Operations Stabilization; and (3) COVID-19 Coronavirus Future Response;

WHEREAS, one hundred twelve million, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$112,800,000) will be allocated to COVID-19 Coronavirus Tribal Member Relief for Education/Training, Food Security, Employment Income Support, Housing Security, and Choctaw Small Business/Community Relief; sixty-six million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$66,700,000) will be allocated to COVID-19 Coronavirus Government Operations Stabilization for Employment Job Protection- Payroll Expenditures, Technology, and Prevention, Infrastructure and Supplies; twenty-one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$21,300,000) will be allocated to COVID-19 Coronavirus Future Response for flexibility to respond to changing needs;

WHEREAS, until the expenditure authority for CRF funds expires as governed by Section 5001 of the CARES Act, as amended, funds within any of the three designated areas may be reallocated to meet any approved COVID-19 related expenses within any of the three categories of funding. Any such reallocation of funds shall require the written approval of the Senior Executive Officer of Strategic Development, the Executive Finance Officer and Chief or Chief’s designee. For any funds reallocated pursuant to this Bill, written notice with justification for reallocation shall be provided to Council;

WHEREAS, the Nation’s expenditure authority for CRF funds extends beyond the current fiscal year of the Nation;

WHEREAS, a report shall be provided monthly to the Council on the administration and expenditure of CRF funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the expenditure of CRF funds the Nation has received in accordance with this Bill.

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THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the expenditure of the CARES Act CRF funds the Nation has received from the Treasury Department in the amount of two hundred million, eight hundred thirty-nine thousand, six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$200,839,625), in accordance with this Bill.

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 Special Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on June 26, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 86 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of (12) members, zero (0) negative votes and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 6-26-2020

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the expenditure of funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury under the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act to address the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. The bill also allocates the funds into specific categories to address the Nation's costs and expenses related to its responses to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

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Agency: Legal and Compliance

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by Project Director: Tammye Gwin, SEO of Strategic Development