

TO APPROVE A NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE a new Official Seal of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is dedicated to protecting and preserving documented Choctaw ancestral heritage, tradition and culture; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to further such dedication, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has created a new Official Seal, attached here as "Exhibit A"; and

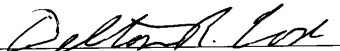
WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has completed extensive research on the Tribal Seal and has recorded some important elements of the Tribal Seal's history, attached here as "Exhibit B"; and

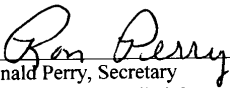
WHEREAS, all previous seals utilized in any manner by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, shall be replaced by the Official Seal attached to this Bill as "Exhibit A" which shall from this date forward be the Official Seal of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.


THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the new Official Seal of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma as found in "Exhibit A" and attached herein and recordation of the historical importance of the Tribal Seal's elements as described in "Exhibit B" and attached herein.

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 June 10, 2017. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 97 -17 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven ( 11 ) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.

  
Delton Cox, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Battou, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 6-13-17

Exhibit A



## Exhibit B

# The Great Seal

The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation formalized as an idea in the 1857 Tribal Constitution signed at Skullyville, Oklahoma.

The concept was first described graphically in an 1860 act by the Choctaw General Council as:

*"..a great seal with the words, 'A Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation' around the edge, and a de-sign of an unstrung bow, with three arrows, and a pipe-hatchet blended together engraved in the center, which shall be the proper seal of this nation, until altered by the general council."*

Although not outlined in the Act, the pipe is traditionally understood as a connection with God, through the rising tobacco smoke carrying prayers up to Him. The pipe also presented alliances with other communities. The unstrung bow is understood as a symbol of the Choctaw people's love of peace, but a willingness to go to war if attacked. The three arrows represented Choctaw Chiefs Pushmataha, Mushulatubbe, and Apukshunabbe, and the three districts of the Choctaw Nation.

Through time, there have been many different versions of this Great Seal, culminating in a painting done by an Oklahoma City architect, Guy C. Reid in 1940, and subsequently published by Muriel Wright. These later versions of the Seal have added the familiar rope borders, the colors, and the ridged, circular design, bordered by eight small circles located between the words on both sides of the Seal. The original meanings of these elements, if any, have not been recorded, and today, some Tribal members ascribe different meanings to them.



## Colors

The color scheme for the The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation are shown on this page.

There are also a few selected 'highlight' colors that are often used in conjunction with the Seal, also listed. The colors are listed by Pantone name & number, as well as CMYK formula (for print) and RGB formula (for web).

Seal	C	M	Y	K
Pantone 2925	85	21	0	0
Pantone 185	0	93	79	0
Pantone 116	0	14	100	0
Pantone 356	91	4	100	25
Pantone 4625	29	78	91	78
Black	0	0	0	100

R	G	B
0	156	222
228	0	43
255	205	0
0	122	51
77	38	18
0	0	0