

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR CHIHOWA (GOD) FOR HIS GREAT BLESSINGS OVER THE
CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA AND PROCLAIM THE CHOCTAW NATION A NATION OF
THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution to Honor Chihowa (God) for His Great Blessings over the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and proclaim the Choctaw Nation a Nation of the Christian Faith.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council (hereinafter Council) has the power and duty pursuant to Article IX, Section 4, of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Constitution to enact legislation, rules, and regulations in accordance with the Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw people traditionally believed in a single creator who made all things, and allowed for our birth, as a nation, from our mother mound, Nanih Waiya;

WHEREAS, Christian missionaries introduced Christianity to the Choctaw Tribe during the 19th Century;

WHEREAS, the some Choctaw people sang to Chihowa (God) on the Trail of Tears;

WHEREAS, today a large population of tribal members are Christians, with many that also practice traditional spiritual customs that are complimentary to Christian values;

WHEREAS, the Council seeks divine inspiration when leading the Choctaw Nation and open council meetings, legislative sessions, and community-center meals with a group prayer, typically done in the name of Jesus Christ and/or Chihowa (God);

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to recognize that throughout history, the Choctaw people have asked Chihowa (God) for guidance, inspiration, good judgment, and protection;

WHEREAS, the Council continues to seek Chihowa (God's) guidance for inspiration, good judgement, and for protection of the tribal homeland and Choctaw culture. The council asks Chihowa (God) to bless the Tribe with opportunities to improve the social, economic, and political condition of the Tribe for future generations;

WHEREAS, we are a Christian Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's core values of Faith, Family, and Culture, come from the Choctaw people's strong faith in Chihowa (God).

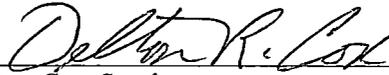
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that this Resolution be cited as approval for to hereby honors (Chihowa) God in protecting the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and commits to making all reasonable efforts to honor (Chihowa) God in the development and improvement of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is recognized as a Nation of the Christian faith.

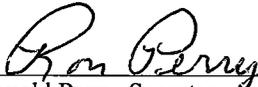
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that this Resolution be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his 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 November, 10, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR- 01 -19 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 11-15-18