

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PROMISE ZONE INITIATIVE

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

THOMAS WILLISTON INTRODUCED A COUNCIL BILL

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TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Promise Zone Initiative.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation realizes the need to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by attracting private investment, improving affordable housing availability, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crimes, and assisting local and tribal leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape, and

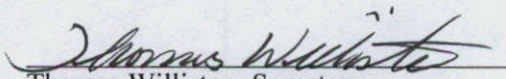
WHEREAS, no funds from the United States Department of Agriculture will be awarded at this time, receiving this designation will lead to increased future funding opportunities and possible tax incentives, and

WHEREAS, receiving the Promise Zone designation from the United States Department of Agriculture will assist the Choctaw Nation in multi-agency benefits including technical assistance, Federal staff support, more extensive preference points and access to other federal grants programs, and if enacted, designed Promise Zones may also receive the Promise Zones tax credit where private businesses would receive tax incentives for hiring and investing in Promise Zones, to create jobs and attract additional private investments.

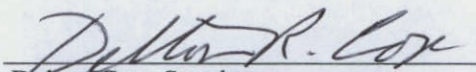
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval to make application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Promise Zone Initiative.

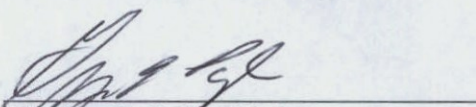
CERTIFICATION

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, December 14, 2013. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 31 -14 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

12/18/13
Date


Delfon Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma