

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO PLACE PROPERTY IN BRYAN COUNTY IN
TRUST STATUS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AUTHORIZE the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the below mentioned property in Bryan County in trust status with the United States of America.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Sections 4 and 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Choctaw Tribal Council shall enact rule and regulations pertaining to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of chief executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma ("the Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Nation with authority to acquire land for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of its people and taking further advantage of the opportunities for self-determination and economic independence. As a recognized Indian Nation, the Nation is eligible to utilize the fee to trust application process set out in the 25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 151 including Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934, as amended, which is codified at 25 U.S.C. § 465, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to acquire land in trust for Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has acquired fee title to 142.91 acres of real property located in Bryan County, Oklahoma. The subject property is contiguous to trust land on the east boundary, and located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. The property is described as follows:

A tract of land located within the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S½ NE¼), Government Lot 1 and Government Lot 2, Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 8 East, Indian Meridian, Bryan County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described in True bearings as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 1; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds West along the South line of the SE¼, a distance of 1318.39 feet to the Point of Beginning, said point being the Southeast Corner of the W½ SE¼; thence continuing North 89 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds West along the South line of the SE¼, a distance of 294.38 feet to a point common with the East Right of Way line of U.S. Highway 70 bypass as described and filed in Book 1164 at Page 927 in the Office of the Bryan County Clerk; thence along said East Right of Way as filed in Book 1164 at Page 927 the following Six (6) Courses: (1) thence along a curve turning to the Right with an arc length of 201.88 feet, with a radius of 955.92 feet, with a chord bearing of North 28 degrees 45 minutes 53 West, with a chord length of 201.50 feet; (2) thence North 42 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds West, a distance of 148.70 feet;