

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL FAST TRACK FUND

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

ANTHONY DILLARD INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the one-time *cy pres* distribution from the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack Settlement Agreement*, also known as the Native American Agricultural Fast Track Fund.

WHEREAS, to verify the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has provided financial assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and other relevant agricultural services to Native American farmers and/or ranchers between January 1, 1981 and November 1, 2010. These services included, but were not limited to, 1) the operation of an agriculture education program (in operation as early as 1914) at the Jones Academy, the Choctaw Nation's residential learning center, which serves 200 students per year from at least 29 Native American tribes. Since 1997, the agriculture education program has averaged 30 active student participants (grades 3-12) annually, with seven students per year participating in livestock competitions. For decades, the swine and cattle program has produced most of the pork and beef product for consumption at the Jones Academy cafeteria, 2) the operation of the Choctaw Nation Agriculture Program for more than 30 years, which has offered technical assistance on conservation, natural resource planning, farm plans, agriculture advocacy, and agricultural outreach and education to Native American farmers and ranchers, with special focus on individual owners of more than 115,000 acres of restricted lands, 3) since 1999, the provision of financial support to purchase show livestock of aspiring and student Native American farmers and ranchers involved in 4H and FFA programs at regional premium sales; and since 1992, financial sponsorship of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Annual Swine/Beef Show, which directly benefit the Native American student livestock exhibitors and encourage their involvement in agricultural endeavors.

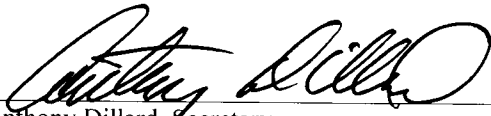
WHEREAS, all funds awarded from the Native American Agricultural Fast Track Fund (NAAFTF) will be used exclusively for purposes that meet the following requirements: (a) the purpose provides assistance designed to further Native American farming or ranching activities; (b) the purpose is what was set forth in the application for funds; and (c) the purpose is encompassed by Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, (i.e. for charitable and educational purposes). Should the award to the applicant be for an endowment, income generated from said endowment will be used in perpetuity for purposes meeting the same requirements.

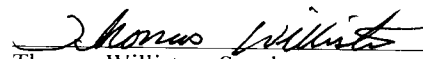
WHEREAS, funds from the Native American Agricultural Fast Track Fund (NAAFTF) will be used as additional funds for the purposes stated in the application and no existing funds will be diverted away from that program if the applied for funds are received.

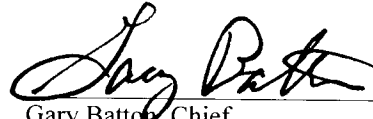
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval to make application to the Native American Agricultural Fast Track Fund.

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 11, 2016. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 111-16 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Anthony Dillard, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batto, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 6-13-14