

**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 152.55 acres of real property located in Bryan County, Oklahoma. The subject property is located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. The property is described as follows:

A tract of land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 9 East of the Indian Meridian and Base Line, Bryan County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described by metes and bounds with a True Base Bearing being North 00 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West, along the West line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 9 East, more particularly described as: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West, along the West line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7, a distance of 2640.66 feet to the Northwest Corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East, along the West line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 7, a distance of 1508.30 feet to a point on the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass;

thence South 72 degrees 55 minutes 37 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No 70 Bypass, a distance of 391.20 feet; thence South 83 degrees 52 minutes 36 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass, a distance of 716.22 feet; thence South 88 degrees 12 minutes 06 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass, a distance of 712.73 feet; thence South 80 degrees 57 minutes 11 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass, a distance of 274.85 feet; thence South 69 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass, a distance of 618.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No 70 Bypass, a distance of 495.09 feet; thence South 03 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds East, along the South Right-of-Way of U.S. Highway No. 70 Bypass, a distance of 35.30 feet to a point at the Intersection with the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69; thence South 35 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence South 39 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 294.24 feet; thence South 37 degrees 32 minutes 56 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 394.47 feet; thence South 39 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 603.72 feet; thence South 34 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 602.08 feet; thence South 39 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 431.74 feet; thence North 39degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 252.41 feet; thence North 51 degrees 25 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 334.52 feet; thence North 45 degrees 47 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 214.42 feet; thence North 71 degrees 58 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 576.88 feet; thence South 39 degrees 50 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 804.33 feet; thence South 51 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 1129.61 feet to a point on the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69; thence South 39 degrees 13 minutes 46 seconds West, along the West Right-of-Way of Business Highway No. 69, a distance of 886.06 feet to a point on the South line of the SW¼ of said Section 7; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 460.65 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing 152.55 acres, more or less, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST; and

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined the need for additional trust land to its land base to accommodate increase in governmental services to tribal members to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty, self-sufficiency and economic independence. The Nation has approximately 200,000 enrolled members, approximately 47,649 living in the tribal service area. See BIA, American Indian Population and Labor Force Report, (2010). The Nation expects tribal membership to increase along with tribal services, these services such as education, health care, housing, cultural, youth and family programs, and numerous other social programs all depending on revenue generated from economic opportunities. The Nation has a strong commitment to economic development which is essential for future generation to come, new approaches must be taken to generate sustainable revenue for the Nation. In 2014, the Nation was one of the five areas selected for the Promise Zone initiative to create partnership with the communities and businesses to create jobs, increase economic security, expand educational

opportunities, excess to affordable housing, and improving public safety. By this designation, the Nation has the opportunity to investing in its members and community to bring economic opportunities to areas of needs. This acquisition will assist the Nation to meeting the Nation's current and long-term needs and investments; and

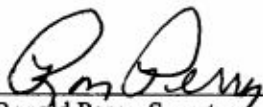
WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to develop the property for a multi-family housing complex and a convenience store in the near future for economic development purposes that will support the Nation's pursuit of self-determination. The convenience store and multi-family housing complex will provide a long-term, viable, and sustainable revenue base that will serve the local community in providing jobs and services, and provide funding for tribal programs and capital for other economic development opportunities for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to request the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to accept this fee title to the United States of America to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

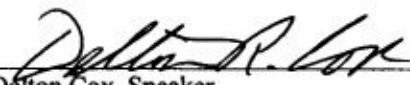
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place this property into trust status in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and procedure for the acquisition of land.

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 September 9, 2017. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 122 -17 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9-11-17