

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

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

ANTHONY DILLARD 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 Pittsburg County in trust status with the United States of America.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 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 117.51 acres of real property located in McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The subject property is contiguous to trust land on the western 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 in Lots 3 and 4 of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 15 East; and a tract of land in SE¼ of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 14 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the SE¼ of said Section 24; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West along the North line of the SE¼ a distance of 80 feet; thence South 01 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds East and parallel to the East line of the SE¼ a distance of 224.00 feet; thence South 89 degree 03 minute 30 seconds West a distance of 232.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 224.00 feet to a point on the North line of said SE; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West along the North line of said SE a distance of 1,017.05 feet; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 1324.48 feet; thence North 88 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 13.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 206.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 1286.79 feet; thence South 05 degrees 21 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 1115.75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 157.00 feet to the SW corner of the SW of Section 19; thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 46 seconds East along the South line of the SW of said Section 19 a distance of 1319.72 feet to the SE corner of Lot 4; thence North 01 degrees 04 minutes 21 seconds West along the East line of said Lot 4 and

Lot 3 a distance of 2294.44 feet to a point 346.5 feet South of the NE corner of Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 1324.50 feet to a point on the West line of Lot 3, said point being 346.50 feet South of the NW corner of Lot 3; thence North 01 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 346.50 feet to the Point of Beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST.

ALSO KNOWN BY SURVEYED LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:

A tract of land in Lots 3 and 4 of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 15 East; and a tract of land in SE¼ of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 14 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma: Beginning at the NE Corner of the SE of said Section 24; thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West along the North line of the SE a distance of 80 feet; thence South 02 degrees 27 minutes 16 seconds East and parallel to the East line of the SE a distance of 224.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 232.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 27 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 224.00 feet to a point on the North line of said SE; thence South 87 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West along the North line of said SE a distance of 1017.05 feet; thence South 02 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 1324.48 feet; thence North 87 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 13.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 28 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 206.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 1286.79 feet; thence South 04 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 1115.75 feet; thence North 87 degrees 27 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 157.00 feet to the SW Corner of the SW of Section 19; thence North 87 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds East along the South line of the SW of said Section 19 a distance of 1319.72 feet to the SE corner of Lot 4; thence North 02 degrees 20 minutes 11 seconds West along the East line of said Lot 4 and Lot 3 a distance of 2294.44 feet to a point 346.5 feet South of the NE corner of Lot 3; thence South 87 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 1324.50 feet to a point on the West line of Lot 3, said point being 346.50 feet South of the NW corner of Lot 3; thence North 02 degrees 27 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 346.50 feet to the Point of Beginning, said described tract of land containing 117.51 acres, more or less, LESS AND EXCEPT ANY AND ALL MINERAL INTEREST.

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined the need for additional trust land to its land base to promote tribal self-determination and self-sufficiency, by expanding its tribal governmental services to a central location easily accessible for all tribal members. The Nation has a commitment to improving healthy, successful, productive, and self-sufficient lifestyles for all members by strengthening tribal communities through education and economic development. This may include early childhood development programs to prepare children for Kindergarten and beyond into outstanding young adults; teaching nutrition and physical activity to lead to lasting lifestyle changes that promote good health; and strengthen and improve the quality of life of Choctaw families and members; and

WHEREAS, the Nation intends to use the acquired property for governmental services to operate a food distribution center, a community center, a wellness center, and a Head Start which benefits tribal members; 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.

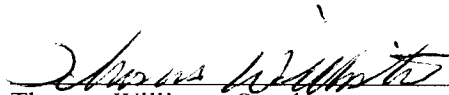
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place this property into trust status in accordance 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) answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on August 13, 2016. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 139 -16 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes and zero (0) abstaining.




Anthony Dillard, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 8-17-16



Gary Bagon, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

