

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO PLACE PROPERTY IN LEFLORE 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 LeFlore 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 4.120 acres of real property located in Poteau, LeFlore County, Oklahoma. The subject property is not adjacent to any trust land, but is located within the recognized former reservation and current jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. The property is described as follows:

Lot 6, Block 1, Poteau Industrial Park, an Addition to LeFlore County, Oklahoma, according Plat Filed October 30, 1978 in the Bottom of Plat Cabinet B, containing 4.120 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 facilitate tribal self-determination, self-sufficiency, and economic development by pursuing economic development opportunities and sustainable income for future generations to come. The Nation has strong commitment to be good stewards of the land, environment, and better manage the resources around our communities. The recycling center will help keep re-usable

out of our landfills, to save energy and to ultimately provide a better environment for our children and our grandchildren. Going Green means more than setting out a recycling bin through the Nation. It's about educating young and old and providing the necessary resources in creating the awareness and concern in our communities that will facilitate changes in the people and institutions around us. As a result, the Poteau recycling center has collected and recycled 1,066,444 pounds and emptied 1,694 recycling roll offs. The Nation has made it possible to make a positive impact on the environment by reducing the amount of waste to our landfills, and better serving the tribal communities and its neighbors, and

WHEREAS, the Nation intends to use the property for a Recycling Center. The recycling center is located at 304 Kerr Avenue, Poteau, Oklahoma, 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.

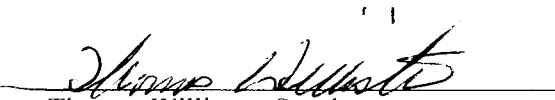
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, or his designee, to make a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, to place this property into trust status in accordance 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- 142 -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



Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 8-17-16

