

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

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**ANTHONY DILLARD INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**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 5.00 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 1, Block 1, Amended Poteau Industrial Park, an Addition to LeFlore County, Oklahoma, according Plat Filed May 20, 1977 in the Bottom of Plat Cabinet B, containing 5.00 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. The Nation has a commitment to improving healthy, successful, productive, and self-sufficient lifestyles for all members by strengthening tribal communities through lifestyle changes by healthier eating and physical activity to promote good health; and strengthen and improve the quality of life of Choctaw families and members. The food distribution program serves about 5,000 tribal members who have a difficulty in putting food on the table. The program provides nutritional food products that are less in sodium, fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats to eligible tribal members to shop the self-service store as frequently as

needed. The center also provides a kitchen so families can learn how to prepare healthier meals for their family; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation intends to use the acquired property for the Nation's food distribution center. The food distribution center is located at 100 Kerr Avenue, Poteau, Oklahoma; and

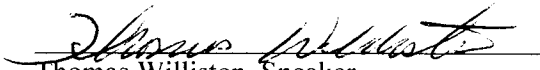
**WHEREAS**, the Nation seeks to request the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to accept this fee title to the United States of America to be held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

**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) members 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- 143 -16 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes and zero (0) abstaining.*

  
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Anthony Dillard, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date: 8-17-16

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