

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREAT CHOCTAW NATION ENDORSING THE IMAGINE DURANT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, in 2014 leaders and concerned community members of the greater Durant area formed a partnership to encourage community dialogue in the development of a long-term vision to address a broad spectrum of demographic needs for the area of Durant; and

WHEREAS, this group of civic minded individuals, representing the four voices of Durant’s community as citizens, civil society, civic managers and businesses, undertaking the visioning process are known as “Imagine Durant” and operates as a not-for-profit organization to benefit the entire community through consideration of viewpoints of all age groups, ethnicities, gender, economic classes, and diverse cultures including the Choctaw Nation; and

WHEREAS, a map or set of directions to a destination is incomplete without an origin point, this organization recognizes the importance of needs and strength assessments to identify areas of weakness to be corrected and opportunities to be developed in order to meet ultimate objectives specifically through values mapping and related methodologies; and

WHEREAS, Imagine Durant has developed a community vision that will serve as a catalyst for change, this organization has developed a strategic plan for implementation of the vision created using a phased approach; and

WHEREAS, the nature of municipal government limits the range of functions it can perform, therefore, the realization of a community vision cannot be contingent on the actions of municipal government alone. Rather, these endeavors will most likely prove successful when all residents commit to become actively engaged in developing solutions; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental mission of this organization is to promote citizen engagement and to foster attitudes representative of all community stakeholders where the interest of any individual, entity, or organization has no more weight than any other but is designed to speak on behalf of all area residents, local workforce, industry, healthcare providers, units of governments and education institutions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is our hope to utilize this model throughout the Choctaw Nation to grow our communities and its people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Choctaw Nation supports the principles of the Imagine Durant Organization and the strategic plan which were conceived to create the best possible future for Durant citizens through official participation and by providing guidance and technical assistance when appropriate.


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 RS-01 -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

Date: 9-11-17



Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Ballou, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma