### 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 this acquisition of land into trust status with the United States of America.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Choctaw Tribal Council (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property;

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;

WHEREAS, the Nation is a federally recognized tribe with authority to acquire land for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of its people and taking further advantage of opportunities for self-determination and economic independence. As a federally recognized tribe, the Nation is eligible to utilize the fee to trust application process set out in the 25 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. § 5108, formerly 25 U.S.C. § 465, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (the "Secretary") to acquire land in trust for Indians;

WHEREAS, the Nation has fee title to 1.81 acres of real property (the "Subject Property") located at 707 Bond Street, Crowder, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. See Exhibit A. The Subject Property is within the exterior treaty boundaries of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and as such, is within the Nation's reservation identified in the Treaty of April 28, 1866, (14 Stat. 769);

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined the need to place land into trust to increase the tribal 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. This growth is expected to continue, and this acquisition will address the Nation's need for additional land;

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is located at 707 Bond Street, Crowder, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The Subject Property is currently owned by the Nation and the property will be used to facilitate self-determination and provide governmental service to Tribal citizens. The property is currently improved with a tribal community center and wellness center. The acquisition will provide easier access to community gatherings for Tribal citizens, and a wellness center to help improve the quality of life for tribal members. The Nation plans to continue utilizing the property for the same purposes;

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; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to place the property described below, located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma in trust status with the U.S.A.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the 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 the following property described below into trust for the purpose of increasing the tribal trust land base:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), and Fourteen (14) in Block Thirty-two (32) in the Town of Crowder, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma.

Embraced in the S1/2 of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 and the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 15 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma; and

Decree Vacating a platted alley and portion of platted streets filed July 7, 2021 in CV-2021-90, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma.

#### ALSO KNOWN BY SURVEYED LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:

Lots 1 thru 12, Block 32, Town of Crowder, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

Thence, North 89° 51' 05" East, along the north line of said Block 32, a distance of 300.00 feet to the northeast corner thereof, said corner marked with a set 1 inch diameter brass cap marked BMA CA5975;

**Thence**, South 00° 08' 55" East, along the east line of said Block 32, a distance of 140.00 feet to the southeast corner of lot 12 of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

**Thence**, South 89° 51′ 05″ West, along the south line of lots 1 thru 12 inclusive, a distance of 300.00 feet to the southwest corner of said lot 1, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron road with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

**Thence**, North 00° 08' 55" West, along the west line of said lot 1, a distance of 140.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing **0.96 acres of land.** 

### AND.

Lots 13 and 14, Block 32, Town of Crowder, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

**Thence**, South 89° 51' 05" West, along the south line of said Block 32, a distance of 200.00 feet to the southwest corner of said lot 14, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

**Thence**, North 00° 08' 55" West, along the west line of said lot 14, a distance of 140.00 feet to the northwest corner thereof, said comer marked with a found 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "LS1073";

**Thence**, North 89° 51' 05" East, along the north line of said lots 13 and 14, a distance of 200.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 13, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson, OK RPLS1539 CFEDS1102;

Thence, South 00° 08' 55" East, along the east line of said lot 13, a distance of 140.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing **0.64 acres of land.** 

#### AND.

A parcel of land lying adjacent to the north and east lines of Block 32 in the Town of Crowder, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson OK RPLS 1539 CFEDS 1102;

Thence, North 00° 08' 55" West, a distance of 9.00 feet;

Thence, North 89° 51' 05" East, parallel with the north line of said Block 32, a distance of 303.50 feet;

Thence, South 00° 08' 55" East, parallel with and 3.5 feet east of the east line of said Block 32, a distance of 59.00 feet;

Thence, South 89° 51' 05" West, a distance of 3.50 feet to a point in the east line of said Block 32;

**Thence**, North 00° 08' 55" West, along said east line, a distance of 50.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1 inch diameter brass cap marked BMA CA5975;

**Thence**, South 89° 51′ 05″ West, along the north line of said Block 32, a distance of 300.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing **0.07 acres of land**.

#### AND.

The 20 foot wide Alley in Block 32 in the Town of Crowder, Pittsburg County, State of Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of lot 1 of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson OK RPLs 1539 CFEDS 1102;

**Thence,** North 89° 51'05" East, along the south line of lots 1 thru 12 inclusive of said Block 32, a distance of 300.00 feet to the southeast corner of said lot 12, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson OK RPLS 1539 CFEDS 1102;

**Thence**, South 00° 08' 55" East a distance of 20.00 feet to the northeast corner of lot 13 of said Block 32, said corner marked with a set 1/2 inch diameter iron rod with aluminum cap marked Robby L. Johnson O K RPLS 1539 CFEDS 1102;

**Thence**, South 89° 51' 05" West, along the north line of lots 13 thru 15 inclusive of Block 32, a distance of 300.00 feet to the northwest corner of said lot 15, said corner marked with a found 1/2 inch diameter iron rod;

Thence, North 00° 08' 55" West a distance of 20.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 0.14 acres of land.

The areas described aggregate 1.81 acres.

BASIS OF BEARINGS: derived from Global Positioning Systems (GPS), NAD83 (2011) EPOCH date 2010, referenced to the true meridian.

EXCEPT all oil, gas and other minerals lying in and under said properties.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval of the property's current utilization to facilitate self-determination and provide governmental services to Tribal citizens and approval of its current improvements, which includes a tribal community center and a wellness center. The Nation plans to continue utilizing the property for the same purposes.

### **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 eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 9, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-\_\_27\_-22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven\_(11) members, \_\_zero\_(0) negative votes and \_\_zero\_(0) abstaining.

Ronald Perry, Secretary Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 10-15-21

Thomas Williston, Speaker Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

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The Chocaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** This bill proposes to place 1.81 acres of real property located 707 Bond Street, Crowder, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma in trust. See Exhibit A. The Subject Property is currently owned by the Nation and the property will be used to facilitate self-determination and provide governmental service to Tribal citizens. The Subject Property is improved with a tribal community center and wellness center. The acquisition will provide easier access to community gatherings for Tribal citizens, and a wellness center to help improve the quality of life of tribal members. The Nation plans to continue utilizing the property for the same purposes;

Title of Council Bill: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF THE CHOCTAW NATION TO PLACE PROPERTY IN PITTSBURG COUNTY IN TRUST STATUS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Agency: Choctaw Nation - Land and Title

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Requested by Project Director/SEO: Donna Loper, Executive Director, Land & Title, Kelly McKaughan, SEO

