

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION
FOR THE HEAD START COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FUNDS FOR FY2022**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the Department of Health & Human, Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start, for the cost-of-living adjustment for FY2022.

WHEREAS, certain funds are made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start Program by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start (“HHS”);

WHEREAS, HHS is providing a 1.22% increase for the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$31,144) for FY2022;

WHEREAS, the Nation seeks to apply to HHS for funds in the amount of \$31,144 for FY2022;

WHEREAS, Head Start will use \$31,144 of those funds for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to adjust salaries;

WHEREAS, the 25% non-federal share match has been waived by HHS;

WHEREAS, HHS requires Tribal Council approval prior to application for COLA; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Choctaw Nation to approve application to HHS to receive COLA funds for the Head Start Program for FY 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to apply to the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start, for funds in the amount of Thirty One Thousand One Hundred and Forty Four Dollard (\$31,144) for cost of living adjustments for the Head Start Program for Fiscal Year 2022.

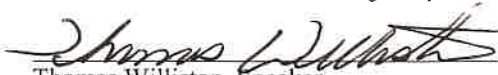
CERTIFICATION

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 April 10, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 53 -21 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Battin, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 4-13-21

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of \$31,144 to give staff a 1.22% cost of living adjustment. Funds will assist the Choctaw Nation Head Start program in providing staff with a 1.22% cost of living adjustment.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE HEAD START COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FUNDS FOR FY2022

Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services,

Budget: \$31,144

Match Required: NA

Request by/Project Director: Amanda Johnson, Senior Director, Child Care and Head Start, Teresa Jackson, SEO Tribal Services.

