

TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM GRANT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION
RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") realizes the need to expand broadband infrastructure on tribal lands increasing access to and adoption of broadband by citizens to increase quality of life and services;

WHEREAS, the Nation is eligible for funding to provide broadband infrastructure deployment including new infrastructure, replacing or upgrading existing infrastructure and equipment, and extending existing infrastructure and services with Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the total federal budget request is \$65,000,000, with no tribal match funds.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as Approval for Application to the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 14, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 84 -21 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

Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8.20.21

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve application for NTIA competitive funding that will assist the Nation in the deployment of and access to broadband service on Tribal lands.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM GRANT

**Agency:** Department of Commerce; National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

**CNO Dept:** Small Business

**Budget:** \$65,000,000

**Match Required:** n/a

**Total Budget:** \$65,000,000

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Lance Browder, IT Senior Director of Service Delivery; Ahmed El Katib, Executive Director of IT Services; Jimmy Williams, Chief Information Officer; Kelly McKaughan, SEO