

**TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FISCAL RELIEF FUND MONIES
RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the expenditure of Fiscal Relief Fund Monies Received from the United States Department of the Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief of the Nation (the "Chief") shall manage, administer and direct the operation of tribal programs, activities and services;

WHEREAS, the Nation has received Fiscal Relief Fund monies (the "FRF Funds") from the Treasury Department under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") in the amount of Nine Hundred Forty Four Million Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$944,425,951);

WHEREAS, the Nation has determined it will allocate the FRF Funds into two (2) separate funds in order to address the impact of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic within the Nation and to its Tribal Members: (1) the COVID-19 Tribal Member Relief Fund; and (2) the COVID-19 Response, Stabilization and Recovery Fund;

WHEREAS, Six Hundred Twenty Seven Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$627,154,677) of the FRF Funds will be allocated to the COVID-19 Tribal Member Relief Fund to provide assistance as allowed under ARPA, including but not limited to assistance with food security, housing security, necessary living expenses, childcare, and internet and technology access; and Three Hundred Seventeen Million Two Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$317,271,274) of the FRF Funds will be allocated to the COVID-19 Response, Stabilization and Recovery Fund for uses as allowed under ARPA, including but not limited to responding to, and recovering from, the COVID-19 pandemic, job protection, technology, infrastructure, public health and safety, supplies, small business technical assistance, FRF Funds administrative expenses and other approved COVID-19-related expenses;

WHEREAS, until the expenditure authority for use of the FRF Funds expires as governed by the ARPA, as amended, monies within any of the funds designated herein may be reallocated within such fund or between funds to meet any approved COVID-19 related expenses within any of the categories of funding;

WHEREAS, any reallocation of FRF Funds as allowed herein shall require the written approval of the Nation's Senior Executive Officer of Strategic Development, the Nation's Executive Finance Officer and the Chief;

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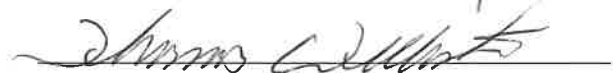
WHEREAS, a report shall be provided monthly to the Council on the administration and expenditure of the FRF Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the expenditure of the FRF Funds in accordance with the provisions and recitals set forth herein.


THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the expenditure of the FRF Funds in accordance with the provisions and recitals set forth herein.

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- 88 -21 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date: 8.20.21

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This Council Bill approves the expenditure of the Choctaw Nation's first tranche of Fiscal Relief Funds received from the Federal government under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). The Choctaw Nation received Nine Hundred Forty Four Million Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$944,425,951) in the first tranche of ARPA distributions. This Council Bill approves the expenditure of these funds in the following amounts:

1. Six Hundred Twenty Seven Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$627,154,677) of the FRF Funds will be allocated to the COVID-19 Tribal Member Relief Fund to provide assistance as allowed under ARPA, including but not limited to assistance with food security, housing security, necessary living expenses, childcare, and internet and technology access; and
2. Three Hundred Seventeen Million Two Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$317,271,274) of the FRF Funds will be allocated to the COVID-19 Response, Stabilization and Recovery Fund for uses as allowed under ARPA, including but not limited to responding to, and recovering from, the COVID-19 pandemic, job protection, technology, infrastructure, public health and safety, supplies, small business technical assistance, FRF Funds administrative expenses and other approved COVID-19-related expenses.

A more detailed itemization of these expenditures has been previously provided.

Title of Council Bill: To Approve the expenditure of Fiscal Relief Fund Monies Received from the United States Department of the Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Agency: Division of Strategic Development

Budget: \$944,425,951

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Tammye Gwin