

**TO APPROVE THE USE OF TRIBAL PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN CAMPAIGNS**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the use of tribal property, assets and facilities for certain campaigns.

**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**, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to allow tribal property to be used by candidates in statewide and federal campaigns upon the invitation of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council also finds it is the best interest of the Nation to allow tribal property to be used in local elections in a nonpartisan manner as a forum for all candidates to debate or provide tribal members and community members an opportunity to question all candidates for a certain office.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED**, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, that this Bill be cited as approval to allow the use of tribal property, assets and facilities in the following manner:

- A. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma shall be authorized to allow use of tribal facilities by a candidate for statewide office in the State of Oklahoma or a candidate for federal office:
  1. At the invitation or option of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;
  2. Upon payment of any fees for use of such facility at fair and reasonable market value; and
  3. In compliance with all laws or regulations of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
- B. The use of tribal facilities by candidates for all state offices, including candidates for local office, shall be permitted for the limited purpose of participating in a debate or town hall meeting to which all candidates for the office are invited by the Nation.
- C. As used in this section:
  1. "Statewide office in the State of Oklahoma" means the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Auditor and Inspector, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Corporation Commissioner, Commissioner of Labor and Commissioner of Insurance, of the State of Oklahoma;
  2. "Federal office" means the offices of President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Senator and United States Representative;
  3. "State office other than statewide office" means an elective office other than those enumerated

in paragraph 1 of this subsection for which a declaration of candidacy is filed with the Oklahoma State Election Board; and

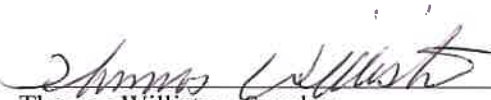
4. "Local office" means an elective office in a county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, that authorization is given to the Chief or his designee to facilitate the purpose of this Bill.

**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 May 14, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-124 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Twelve (12) members, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstaining.*

  
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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Battou, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5-17-22