

**TO APPROVE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN NATIONWIDE  
TITLE VI ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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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** participation in the most current nationwide Title VI elder needs assessment.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") realizes the need to enhance the health and well-being of tribal elders and long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country;

**WHEREAS**, National Resource Centers have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging (the "AoA"), Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment, which is a requirement for their AoA grant;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing technical assistance, the National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and the National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities. (Older Americans Act, Pub. L. No. 89-73, 79 Stat. 218 (1965) (amended through Pub. L. No. 114-144 (2016)));

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Center will provide: Needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, data entry and analysis, data storage, production of tables and comparisons with national;

**WHEREAS**, each Tribe/Consortium must provide A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native Elder Social and Health Needs assessment, and as applicable: a list of elders to interview, interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey, interpretation of the results with local input, development of recommendations for actions, dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and

**WHEREAS**, summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person, and the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; as a result, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at one of the National Resource Centers on Native Aging within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal participation in the Nationwide Title VI Elder Needs Assessment.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval for the National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

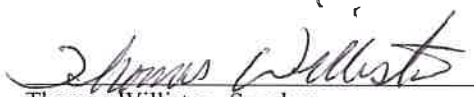
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**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma belongs to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without Tribal Council approval.

**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 October 8, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 02 -23 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 Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-12-22

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** The purpose of this bill is to approve the participation in the most current nationwide Title VI elder needs assessment. This assessment will be provided to the National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

**Title of Council Bill:** **TO APPROVE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL PARTICIPATION  
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**Agency:** United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging

**CNO Department:** Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority Patient Relations

**Maximum Federal Award:** N/A

**CNO Match:** N/A

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Kayla Williams, Project Director; Todd Hallmark, Executive Officer Health Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO Member Services