

TO APPROVE A REPRESENTATIVE-SIGNATURE-CERTIFIER AND ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE 2022 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL ECONNECTIVITY (ReConnect) PROGRAM

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE a Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrators for the Choctaw Nation's application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") realizes the need to provide broadband access for Native Americans who live and work in highly underserved areas;

WHEREAS, funds from the United States Department of Agriculture will assist the Nation in the installation of broadband equipment and cable; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve a Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrators for the application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural eConnectivity Program.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as approval of Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrators to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural eConnectivity Program.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as approval that Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, has the assigned Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, who shall be responsible for providing electronic signatures, authorizing certifications, entering and updating applications, submitting applications for consideration, and assigning access to new users in the United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") online application system for the ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program. If application(s) are awarded under either program, the Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma shall also be responsible for authorizing certifications, entering, updating, and submitting compliance reports, and assigning access to new users in USDA's online financial reporting and compliance system.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as approval that Delene Rawls has the assigned Administrator security role on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, who shall be responsible for assigning access to new users, and entering and updating applications in USDA's online application system for the ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program. If application(s) are awarded under either program, the Administrator(s) security role on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma shall also be responsible for assigning access to new users, and entering, updating, and submitting compliance reports in USDA's online financial reporting and compliance system.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as acknowledgement that the Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrator(s) for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma shall comply fully with all security procedures and policies of the online application system for the ReConnect Program and Community Connect Grant Program, and USDA's online financial reporting and compliance system.

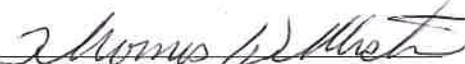
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CERTIFICATION

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- 12 -23 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 Battor, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-12-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve a Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrators for the application for the 2022 United States Department of Agriculture Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program. This grant will allow the Nation to provide broadband access to Choctaw Nation tribal members who live and work in highly underserved areas.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE A REPRESENTATIVE-SIGNATURE-CERTIFIER AND ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE 2022 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - RURAL ECONNECTIVITY (ReConnect) PROGRAM**

Agency: United States Department of Agriculture

Choctaw Nation Department: Information Technology

Federal Award: Up to \$25,000,000 as determined by the USDA upon its review of the Nation's application

Match Required: N/A

Proposed Funded Service Area: Fiber ring to the southwest of Antlers to the area around Soper, to the southern reservation/state border, to west of Bennington, north and northwest back to start point.

Request by Project Director/SEO: Robert Griffin, Project Director; Jimmy D. Williams, Executive Director; Kelly McKaughan, SEO Integrated Services