

TO APPROVE A NET NEUTRALITY COMMITMENT 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 net neutrality commitment for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma’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 American citizens 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;

WHEREAS, as required by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Nation agrees to abide by principles of net neutrality as stated in this Council Bill; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as approval of a Net Neutrality Commitment to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program.

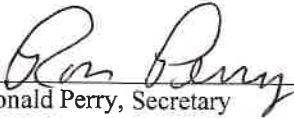
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Council Bill be cited as approval that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, in providing broadband access to its underserved tribal members, will not:

- Block lawful content, applications, services, or nonharmful devices, subject to reasonable network management;
• Impair or degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content, application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device, subject to reasonable network management; and
• Engage in paid prioritization, meaning the management of a broadband provider’s network to directly or indirectly favor some traffic over other traffic, including through the use of techniques such as traffic shaping, prioritization, resource reservation, or other forms of preferential traffic management, either
o In exchange for consideration (monetary or otherwise) from a third party, or
o To benefit an affiliated entity.


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- 13 -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



Gary Battos, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-12-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve a net neutrality commitment for the Nation's 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 of Oklahoma tribal members who live and work in highly underserved areas.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE A NET NEUTRALITY COMMITMENT 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