

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service for the FY23 Tribal Heritage Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") recognizes the need for a feasibility study to determine necessary foundational updates to the historic Wheelock Academy.

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is \$75,000.00;

WHEREAS the Nation will provide a \$4,815.03 in-kind match; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Tribal Heritage grant will be used to perform a feasibility study on the Pushmataha Hall dormitory and the Education building at the Wheelock Academy.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to apply to the United States Department of States Department of Interior, National Park Service for the FY23 Tribal Heritage Grant Program for a maximum federal award of \$75,000.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100) with a \$4,815.03 (Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 03/100) in-kind match.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 March 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 56 -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 Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 3-15-23

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the application to the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, for the FY23 Tribal Heritage Grant Program to perform a feasibility study to determine necessary foundational updates to the historic Wheelock Academy. This grant program will meet the Nation's strategic plan objectives of protecting and promoting Choctaw culture and exercising sovereignty.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service

**Choctaw Nation Department:** Historic Preservation

**Maximum Federal Award:** \$75,000

**Choctaw Nation Match:** \$4,815.03 in-kind

**Maximum Federal Award for Total Project:** \$79,815.03

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Ian Thompson, Program Director; Seth Fairchild, Executive Director; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer, Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO