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IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the Appropriation, Allocation, Commitment, and Obligation of Fiscal Relief Fund Monies Received from the United States Department of the Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act.

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, in accordance with Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief of the Nation (the "Chief") shall manage, administer and direct the operation of tribal programs, activities and services;

WHEREAS, the Nation received a first tranche of Fiscal Relief Fund monies (the "First Tranche") from the Treasury Department under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") in the amount of Nine Hundred Forty Four Million Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$944,425,951);

WHEREAS, under CB-88-21, the Council approved the allocation of the First Tranche between the COVID-19 Tribal Member Relief Fund and the COVID-19 Response, Stabilization and Recovery Fund, in order to address the impact of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic within the Nation and to its Tribal Members;

WHEREAS, after receipt of the First Tranche, the Nation received an additional tranche of Fiscal Relief Fund monies (the "Second Tranche" and, collectively with the First Tranche, the "FRF Funds") from the Treasury Department under the ARPA in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Nine Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$149,926,190);

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to appropriate, allocate, commit, and obligate all remaining FRF Funds (meaning all monies remaining in the COVID-19 Tribal Member Relief Fund, the COVID-19 Response, Stabilization and Recovery Fund, and the Second Tranche) to the projects and programs as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, in order to address the impact of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic within the Nation and to its Tribal Members;

WHEREAS, until the expenditure authority for use of the FRF Funds expires as governed by the ARPA, as amended, monies within any of the funds designated herein may be reallocated within such fund or between funds to meet any approved COVID-19 related expenses within any of the categories of funding;

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WHEREAS, any reallocation of FRF Funds as allowed herein shall require the written approval of the Nation's Senior Executive Officer of Strategic Development, the Nation's Executive Finance Officer and the Chief, or their designees;

WHEREAS, a report shall be provided monthly to the Council on the administration and expenditure of the FRF Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the appropriation, allocation, commitment, and obligation of the remaining FRF Funds in accordance with the provisions and recitals set forth herein.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the appropriation, allocation, commitment, and obligation of the FRF Funds in accordance with the provisions and recitals set forth herein.

CERTIFICATION

that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (I a quorum. I further certify that <u>eleven</u> was present at a Special Session of the Tribal C certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB	ncil of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify (2) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute (
Ronald Perry, Secretary Choctaw Nation Tribal Council	Thomas Williston, Speaker Choctaw Nation Tribal Council Gary Batton, Chief Choctaw Nation Tribal Council
Date: 5-14-23	_