

TO NAME THE WILBURTON COMMUNITY CENTER THE *JENNIFER WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER*

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO NAME the Wilburton Community Center the *Jennifer Woods Community Center*.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, “The Tribal Council shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property”;

WHEREAS, Jennifer Woods, Council Member for District 6 of the Choctaw Nation since 2017, has served the Choctaw Nation and its people for more than thirty (30) years with distinction and has honored the Nation’s employees, tribal members, and community members with hard work, determination and heart;

WHEREAS, Jennifer Woods was a student at Jones Academy. After graduating from Hartshorne High School in 1977 and attended Eastern Oklahoma State College and East Central University, where she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in human resources in 1983, Woods would return to Jones Academy as the student counselor in 1986. She would eventually be promoted to Director of Indian Child Welfare, where she worked for nine years. Woods would end her employee tenure at the Nation as the Community Based Social Work Director before being elected for office in 2017.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Woods’ work and determination has inspired many and led to her being recognized for her servant’s heart. She has been affectionately dubbed the “Heart of the Nation” by those she serves and serves with; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council (the “Council”) of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to name the Wilburton Community Center the *Jennifer Woods Community Center* to show appreciation and pride in those who go beyond the call and serve the Nation, its members, and each person she meets, as Jennifer Woods, the Heart of the Nation, has done for many years.

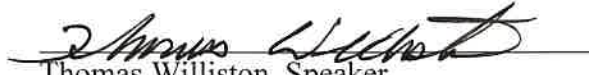
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for naming the Wilburton Community Center the *Jennifer Woods Community Center* and the building shall have its new name affixed at the entrances.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma 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.

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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 August 12, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-~~100-22~~ 23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-15-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To name the Wilburton Community Center the *Jennifer Woods Community Center*. This is to honor Jennifer Woods, who serves the Nation, its members, employees, as well as the community with hard work, determination and heart. She is often referred to as the Heart of the Nation and is very deserving of this honor.