

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHAHTA NITTAK AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY OF THE
CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution establishing Chahta Nittak as an official holiday of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma provides that the Tribal Council (the “Council”) shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) currently has no holiday specifically designated to recognize and celebrate the Nation;

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton proposes to designate the second Monday of October as Chahta Nittak, with recognition to begin in 2024 and continue from that year forward;

WHEREAS, celebration of Chahta Nittak, which translates to “Choctaw Day,” will replace the current holiday celebrated on December 15;

WHEREAS, Chahta Nittak is meant to specifically celebrate the culture, sovereignty, and history of the Nation and recognize the Nation’s continued resiliency and unique contributions to world culture;

WHEREAS, Celebrating Chahta Nittak will fulfill the Nation’s strategic goal of protecting and promoting Choctaw culture and exercising sovereignty to improve the economic, environmental, social, and cultural prosperity of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to establish the second Monday of October as Chahta Nittak, with recognition of such beginning in the year 2024 and occurring on that same day every year going forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to establish the second Monday of October as Chahta Nittak, with recognition of such beginning in the year 2024 and occurring on that same day every year going forward.

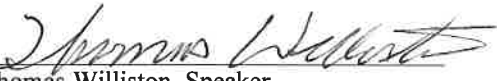
CERTIFICATION

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 eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 14, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 04 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-17-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to establish the second Monday in October as Chahta Nittak. Recognition of Chahta Nittak shall begin in 2024. Chahta Nittak is meant to specifically celebrate the culture, sovereignty, and history of the Nation and recognize the Nation's continued resiliency and unique contributions to world culture. Celebrating Chahta Nittak will fulfill the Nation's strategic goal of protecting and promoting Choctaw culture and exercising sovereignty to improve the economic, environmental, social, and cultural prosperity of the Nation.

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Agency: Office of the Chief

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Chief Gary Batton