

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL FLAG SALUTE OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE** a Resolution adopting the official flag salute 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 official flag salute to honor the Nation and its flag;

**WHEREAS**, Chief Gary Batton proposes to adopt the following language as the official flag salute of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma: "I salute the flag of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, whose members, characterized by tenacity, resilience, and belief in God, will forever honor its representation of FAITH, FAMILY, AND CULTURE;"

**WHEREAS**, the flag salute is meant to demonstrate pride in and honor of the Nation's flag, and celebrate the culture, sovereignty, resiliency, and tenacity of the Nation and its members;

**WHEREAS**, adopting the official flag salute 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 adopt the official flag salute for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

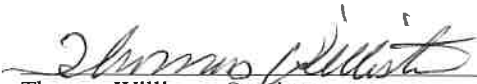
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval to adopt the following as the official flag salute of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma: "I salute the flag of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, whose members, characterized by tenacity, resilience, and belief in God, will forever honor its representation of FAITH, FAMILY, AND CULTURE."

**CERTIFICATION**

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*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- 05 -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

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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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 adopt the official flag salute of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The flag salute is meant to demonstrate pride in and honor the Nation's flag and celebrate the culture, sovereignty, resiliency, and tenacity of the Nation and recognize the Nation's continued resiliency and unique contributions to world culture. Adopting an official flag salute for the Nation 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.

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL FLAG SALUTE OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA**

**Agency:** Office of the Chief

**Budget:** N/A

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by:** Chief Gary Batton