

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") realizes the need to expand broadband infrastructure on tribal lands increasing access to and adoption of broadband by citizens to increase quality of life and services;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section I of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties pertaining to the Office of the Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

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

WHEREAS, if awarded, funding will provide broadband infrastructure deployment including new infrastructure, replacing or upgrading existing infrastructure and equipment, and extending existing infrastructure and services;

WHEREAS, the total federal budget request is up to \$50,000,000.00 with no tribal match funds;

WHEREAS, the program aligns with the Nation's strategic goals of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life as well as achieving digital transformation; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply to the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program to improve broadband infrastructure and expand broadband services within the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant for a maximum award of Fifty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) with no cash match.

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.

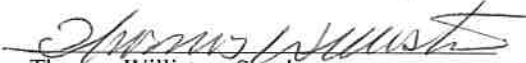
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CERTIFICATION


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 November 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 09 -24 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 11-16-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve application to the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. These funds will assist the Nation in expanding access to broadband service on the Choctaw Nation Reservation. This legislation will accomplish the Nation's strategic goals of supporting service delivery and increasing Member quality of life as well as achieving digital transformation.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration

CNO Dept: Information Technology; Integrated Services

Maximum Budget: Up to \$50,000,000.00

Match Required: N/A

Maximum Total Budget: Up to \$50,000,000

Request by Project Director/SEO: Rob Griffin, Project Director; John Miller, Director of Information Technology – Government Services; Lance Browder, IT Senior Director of Service Delivery; Jimmy Williams, Chief Information Officer; Kelly McKaughan, SEO Integrated Services