

TO APPROVE THE CHOCTAW NATION FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT TIMBER SALES ON CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA OWNED LANDS

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Forestry Department to conduct timber sales on Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") owned lands for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029.

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

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation Forestry Department (the "Department") manages the Nation's forest lands and timber resources and wishes to conduct strategic timber harvesting to promote overall forest health and resilience;

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to conduct timber sales in order to ensure sustainable forest management practices and to maintain and enhance forest ecosystems, addressing and mitigating the impacts of insect infestations and diseases that threaten forest health, and generate revenue to support the economic development of the Nation;

WHEREAS, the Department proposes that the total value of each timber sale does not exceed \$500,000.00 during the five year period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029. This limit will ensure that operations remain within manageable and sustainable limits to align with the Nation's long-term goals and values;

WHEREAS, in order to conduct timber sales from tribal lands in compliance with Title 25, Section 163.14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Tribal Council approval is required;

WHEREAS, the Department will conduct timber harvests and sales in a manner that respects the environment, upholds the highest standards of sustainability, aligns with the cultural values and traditions of the Nation, and complies with all Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma law and policy and applicable federal law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the sale of timber from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma lands in accordance with the foregoing requirements and principles and the requirements of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma law and policy and federal law and regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for the Choctaw Nation Forestry Department to conduct timber sales on land owned by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for the total value of each timber sale to not exceed \$500,000.00 during the five-year period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029.

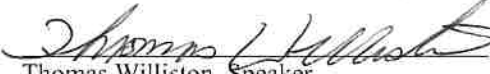
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CERTIFICATION


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 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 12, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 02 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) 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 10-17-24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this resolution is to approve the sale of timber from Choctaw Nation owned lands and to authorize the Choctaw Nation Forestry Department to oversee timber sales in accordance with the requirements of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma law and policy and federal law and regulations. Allowing the Forestry Department to oversee the harvest and sale of timber will ensure that all harvests and sales are done in accordance with Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma law and policy, applicable federal law and regulations, and also ensure that sustainable forestry management practices are used to maintain and enhance forest ecosystems. The Forestry Department will also ensure that all timber sales and management align with Choctaw cultural values and traditions. This resolution will fulfill the Nation's strategic goals of strengthening financial growth and economic stability and protecting and promoting Choctaw culture and exercise sovereignty.

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Agency: Choctaw Nation Forestry Department

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Kendall Carpenter, Director, Choctaw Nation Forestry Department; Heide Grant, SEO Commerce

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Finance Committee and Governance Committee