A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1975

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION to acknowledge and celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

WHEREAS, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 ("ISDEAA" or the "Act") was the result of more than fifteen years of American Indian and Tribal Activism which was the culmination of the hard work of several members of the American Indian community in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed the ISDEAA into law, making the self-governance and self-determination of tribal nations, such as the Choctaw nation, a focus of federal law and policy;

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the ISDEAA and its subsequent amendments, the relationship between the federal government and the tribal nations has enhanced and tribes are allowed to self-govern and share the responsibility to achieve self-determination of indigenous nations in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Act was a pivotal law which gave tribal governments the right to administer and oversee the implementation of their own and federal programs;

WHEREAS, in the half-century since the enactment of the ISDEAA, there have been many advances in Indian country of which our ancestors would be proud;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is excited and proud to honor the accomplishment of those in Indian country who blazed the path to the ISDEAA and those since who have worked to keep the mission of self-determination and self-governance alive and well in the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as a celebration and acknowledgement of the 50 year anniversary of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

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 furthe
certify that <u>twelve</u> (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the
Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on December 14, 2024. I further certify that the
foregoing Council Resolution CR-03 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of
twelve (12) members, <u>zero</u> (0) negative votes, and <u>zero</u> (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 12-18-24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to acknowledge and celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975. In doing so, the Council acknowledges not only the half century since the passing of the Act, but also the many years prior in which many members of tribal nations and their allies worked hard to create a path for Indian country to be governed, not by outsiders, but by tribal governments. In the 50 years since the passing of the Act and its amendments, the Choctaw nation has advanced and made great strides which would make our ancestors proud. To all of those who helped make self-determination and self-governance possible, we say Yakoke.

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Choctaw Nation Agency: Tribal Council

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: James Dry, SEO Communications

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Tribal Council, Government