

**TO APPROVE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN NATIONWIDE  
TITLE VI ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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

**JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** participation in the most current nationwide Title VI elder needs assessment.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") realizes the need to enhance the health and well-being of tribal elders and long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country;

**WHEREAS**, the National Resource Centers on Native Aging (the "Resource Centers") have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging (the "AoA"), an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment, which is a requirement for their AoA grant;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing technical assistance, the Resource Centers are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and the Resource Centers are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the Resource Centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities. (Older Americans Act, Pub. L. No. 89-73, 79 Stat. 218 (1965) (amended through Pub. L. No. 114-144 (2016)));

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Centers will provide: needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, data entry and analysis, data storage, production of tables and comparisons with national;

**WHEREAS**, summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person, and the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; as a result, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at one of the Resource Centers within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interests of the Nation to participate in the Nationwide Title VI Elder Needs Assessment to assess the needs of Choctaw elders in order to better deliver services needed to improve their quality of life.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal participation in the Nationwide Title VI Elder Needs Assessment.

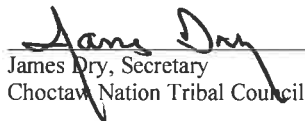
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval for the National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma belongs to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without Tribal Council approval.

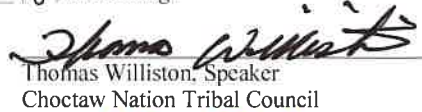
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**CERTIFICATION**

*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 Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma, on May 10, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 58 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven ( 11) members, zero (0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

  
James Dry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date 5-15-25

  
Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** The purpose of this bill is to approve the participation in the most current nationwide Title VI elder needs assessment. This assessment will be provided to the National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data. This bill will achieve the Nation's strategic goal of supporting service delivery and increasing Tribal Member quality of life by increasing the Nation's awareness of Elder needs and informing service recommendations.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL PARTICIPATION  
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**Agency:** United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging

**CNO Department:** Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority Patient Relations

**Maximum Federal Award:** N/A

**CNO Match:** N/A

**Maximum Federal Award for Total Project:** N/A

**Maximum CNO Match for Total Project:** N/A

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Kayla Williams, Project Director; Todd Hallmark, Executive Officer Health Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO Member Services

**Suggested Legislative Committee Review:** Health and Membership Committees