

TO APPROVE THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA'S MULTI-HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN OF 2025

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE and adopt the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") and its surrounding areas are subject to danger and damage from flooding, tornadoes, high winds, lightning, wildfire and other natural hazards;

**WHEREAS**, several different agencies, organizations and businesses have programs that can address these hazards or their impact, but there is an overriding need for a comprehensive, coordinated plan to assess the problems faced by the Nation and measures that can be brought to bear on them;

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (the Stafford Act) mandates that communities must have a hazard mitigation plan before applying for funds from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan be formally adopted by the governing body of the Nation prior to being submitted for final review and approval pursuant to 44 CFR § 201.7(c)(5)(2015);

**WHEREAS**, the Nation implemented a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by the FEMA, in 2010 and must submit an updated plan every 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025. See Exhibit A.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval and adoption of the Choctaw Nation Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2025. See Exhibit A.

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 May 10, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-66-25 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 of Council Bill:** The purpose of this bill is to approve and adopt the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2025. The Nation and surrounding areas are subject to danger and damage from flooding, tornadoes, high winds, lightning, wildfire, and other natural hazards. The Nation has recognized the need for a comprehensive and coordinated plan to address dangers and damage from hazards. The Nation has submitted a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA in 2010. To continue to be eligible for federal funding, the Nation must update the Plan every five years. The Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2025. This plan, if approved, will meet the Nation's strategic goal of protecting and promoting the Nation's culture and exercise of sovereignty.

**Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA MULTI-HAZARD  
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**Agency:** Office of Emergency Management

**Budget:** NA

**Match Required:** NA

**Request by Project Director:** Jeff Hansen, Senior Director of Community Protection; Michael Hall, Chief Security Officer