## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF BOBBY YANDELL FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

#### A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Bobby Yandell, Choctaw Nation Executive Director of Housing to serve on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development seeks nominations and reappointments to their Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Chief has the power to "establish and appoint committees, members and delegates to represent the Choctaw Nation with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council.";

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates Bobby Yandell, Choctaw Nation Executive Director of Housing, for reappointment to serve on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to represent the Nation, the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority, and our tribal members and other Native Americans served through HUD programming across the country;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yandell's education, experience, expertise as well as his commitment to serving the Nation and its people through excellence in housing make him a great fit for this role;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to build and grow our relationship with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and work collectively with other tribal nations to address housing in Indian Country;

WHEREAS, Mr. Yandell is highly qualified and equipped to continue service on this committee due to his commitment to serving our tribal members. Since joining the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (HACNO) as Executive Director in 2016, Mr. Yandell has overseen an annual budget of approximately \$50M. During his time at HACNO, approximately 1,000 new homes have been constructed in the Choctaw Nation Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Bobby Yandell to serve on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Bobby Yandell to serve on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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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 <u>eleven</u> (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a meeting of the
Tribal Council in Tvshka Homma, OK on June 14, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CR-07
-25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>eleven</u> (11) members, <u>zero</u> (0)
negative votes, and <u>zero</u> (0) abstaining.

James Dry, Secretary Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date 6-18-25

Thomas Williston, Speaker Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Bobby Yandell to for reappointment to serve on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. This appointment ensures continued representation of the Nation on a national advisory committee. It fulfills strategic goals in the subheading of the legislative agenda of getting Choctaws appointed to political positions, under the heading of Protect and Promote Choctaw Sovereignty and Culture.

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Agency: Chief's Office, Government Affairs

**Budget:** N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Affairs