

A COUNCIL BILL APPROVING THE CHOCTAW NATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM.

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the Choctaw Nation's participation in the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Tribal Self-Governance Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (Choctaw Nation) has sovereign powers that are inherent in Tribal tradition, derived from a history of organized self-government since time immemorial, and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the Constitution of the United States;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation has over 30 years of experience as a self-governance Tribe with the Departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation has very successfully operated the Indian Reservation Roads program for decades as well as many transit and other grants provided through the Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, the USDOT self-governance authority will provide the Choctaw Nation with greater control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs, functions, services, and activities in the Choctaw Nation reservation;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation wishes to participate in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Tribal Self-Governance Program (DOTTSGP);

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation is eligible for the DOTTSGP and can detail its eligibility through conclusive evidence that demonstrates financial stability and financial management capability, that during the preceding 3 fiscal years, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma had no uncorrected significant and material audit exceptions in the required annual audit of its self-governance funding agreements with any Federal agency;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation can also demonstrate transportation program management capability, including the capability to manage and complete projects eligible under title 23 and chapter 53 of title 49 of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation can submit, upon reasonable request, any other evidence of program management capabilities, including non-transportation programs of similar complexity, size, administrative need, staffing requirement or budgets.

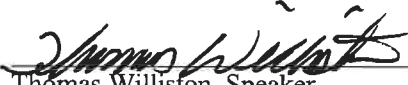
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the participation in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Tribal Self-Governance Program.

**A COUNCIL BILL APPROVING THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM.**

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 July 12, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 76 -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


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Baton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7-17-25

A COUNCIL BILL APPROVING THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM.

Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The USDOT self-governance authority will provide the Choctaw Nation with greater control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs, functions, services, and activities in the Choctaw Nation reservation. This Bill accomplishes the goal of promoting the Nation's sovereignty by allowing the Nation to exercise our rights as a sovereign nation to improve transportation throughout the reservation which has the added benefit of improving our tribal members' quality of life.

Title of Council Resolution: A COUNCIL BILL APPROVING THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM.

Agency: Government Relations

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: John Hobbs, SEO Communications