

**TO AUTHORIZE CROSS-DEPUTIZATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AUTHORIZE the Chief and his designee to enter into cross-deputization agreements on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma with law enforcement agencies when necessary and appropriate.

WHEREAS, Article 1 of Section VII of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Constitution") states that: "The Chief shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed";

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Sections 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Choctaw Tribal Council (the "Council") shall enact rule and regulations consistent with the Constitution and for the general good of the Nation;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Council passed CB-43-21, a bill "To Rescind CB-92-06 and Approve Cross-Deputization Agreements between the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Law enforcement Agencies Operating within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;"

WHEREAS, the Nation now wishes to allow the Chief, or his duly authorized designee, to enter into cross-deputization agreements with all law-enforcement agencies regardless of location; and

WHEREAS, the Council now finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to authorize the Chief, or his duly authorized designee, to enter into cross-deputization agreements with all law enforcement agencies regardless of which state or jurisdiction in which the agencies operate.

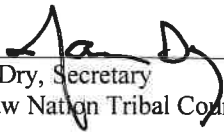
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, that this Bill be cited as authorization for the Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma or his/her designee, to enter into cross-deputization agreements with all law-enforcement agencies when necessary and appropriate.

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 July 12, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill ~~CB-80-25-24~~ was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

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James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7-17-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The purpose of this bill is to authorized the Nation to enter into certain cross-deputization agreements. The Nation now wishes to enter into cross-deputization agreements with agencies that may not be located or operating within the Nation's boundaries. To do this, the Nation wishes to pass this bill that allows and approves the Chief and/or his designee to enter into cross-deputization agreements with all law enforcement agencies.

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Agency: Public Safety

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Brian McClain, Executive Director, Government Affairs; Brian Danker, SEO, Legal & Compliance