

**TO NAME THE CHOCTAW NATION WELLNESS CENTER IN BROKEN BOW,
OKLAHOMA THE *R. DEWAYNE HICKS WELLNESS CENTER***

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO NAME the Choctaw Nation Wellness Center in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, the *R. Dewayne Hicks Wellness Center*.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma: "The Choctaw Tribal Council shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of tribal property";

WHEREAS, Randall Dewayne Hicks was the son of Raphael and Caroline Hicks, and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, enlisting in July 1960 and retiring in May 1982 as a Senior Master Sergeant after more than twenty-one (21) years of dedicated military service;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks became a beloved figure at the Choctaw Nation Wellness Center in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, where he earned the nickname "The Godfather," and, from the Wellness Center opened, was a constant presence, working out six days a week and inspiring others through his dedication to active living;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks also enjoyed participating in District 2 Chair Volleyball, took pride in completing both 1-mile and 5K runs, and through his commitment to staying active and his friendly spirit, became a respected role model within the community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks will be remembered for his years of military service, commitment to fitness and wellness, and the positive influence he had on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council (the "Council") of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to name the Choctaw Nation Wellness Center in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, the *R. Dewayne Hicks Wellness Center* to posthumously honor his legacy of service, wellness, encouragement, the positive impact he made on the Broken Bow community, and in recognition of the petition submitted by community members requesting this dedication.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for naming the Choctaw Nation Wellness Center in Broken Bow,

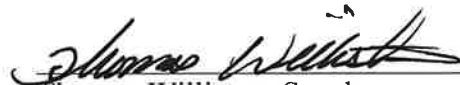
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Oklahoma, the *R. Dewayne Hicks Wellness Center*, and the building shall have its new name affixed at the entrances.

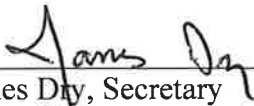
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this bill cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver, and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments, and documents in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she, or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvska Homma, Oklahoma on July 11th, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-75 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7/16/26