

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FY26 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service for the FY26 Community Connect Grant Program (FON: RDRUS-CC-2026).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) recognizes the value of increasing broadband connectivity for rural homes within the Nation’s Reservation;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation (the “Tribal Council”) is providing consent to perform activities related to the construction and installation of fiber to deploy broadband connectivity within the Nation’s Reservation;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for a budget period of 36 months with a tribal match commitment not to exceed \$750,000.00 for a total budget not to exceed \$5,750,000.00; and

WHEREAS, application to the Community Connect Grant Program meets the Nation’s Strategic Goal of Best In Class by supporting service delivery to improve the quality of life of tribal members as well as achieving digital, data, and communication transformation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as authorization to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service for the FY26 Community Connect Grant Program for a maximum federal award not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million Dollars and 00/100) with a Tribal Match not to exceed \$750,000.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100) for a total budget not to exceed \$5,750,000.00 (Five Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100).

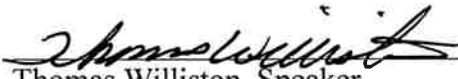
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to take all actions necessary, appropriate, or advisable to implement this Bill, including but not limited to: (a) preparing, executing, delivering, and filing any agreements, certificates, instruments, and other documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve; and (b) taking such other actions as are reasonably necessary, appropriate, or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of this Bill.

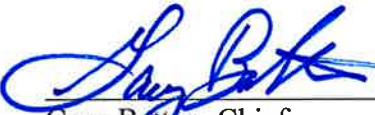
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CERTIFICATION

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on August 8, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 82 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-10-26