

**A COUNCIL BILL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE TRIBAL DATA
MODERNIZATION IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT THROUGH THE TRIBAL
IMPLEMENTATION CENTER PROGRAM**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO SUPPORT the application for the Tribal Data Modernization Implementation Project through The Tribal Implementation Center Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) is a federally recognized Tribal nation and exercises inherent sovereign rights, including the right to govern its public health systems and establish data sovereignty practices; and

WHEREAS, the Nation recognizes the urgent need to modernize its public health data infrastructure to better manage reportable disease conditions and improve its disease surveillance capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation Public Health Department is proposing to implement a cloud-based Disease Surveillance System that will connect to the electronic case reporting (eCR) network and, in the future, Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) systems; and

WHEREAS, this project will enable the Nation to directly receive and manage reportable condition data, which will allow the Nation to fully exercise its public health authority and improve its ability to conduct timely disease surveillance and case investigations; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the goals of data sovereignty, Tribal self-determination, and the enhancement of Tribal public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this project requires significant procurement costs, estimated up to \$2,000,000.00 (Two Million Dollars and N0/100) and the Nation seeks funding and technical assistance through the Tribal Implementation Center (“TIC”) Program to support implementation over an 8–12 month period; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation (the “Tribal Council”) has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply under Tribal Data Modernization Implementation Project

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through The Tribal Implementation Center Program; for a maximum award amount of \$2,000,000.00 (Two Million Dollars and No/100), with no tribal match commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation Public Health Department is currently pursuing an eCR connection and plans to work with a Disease Surveillance System vendor and cloud hosting providers to achieve the most sustainable and cost-effective solution; and

WHEREAS, the Nation currently reports to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and utilizes OSDH's disease surveillance system, but seeks to enhance its data autonomy and capabilities through this new system; and

WHEREAS, if selected, the Nation commits to participating in the full implementation process, including completing a project charter and grant agreement, and estimates a legal review period of approximately 1–2 months; and

WHEREAS, the Nation is committed to sustaining the project by incorporating long-term hosting costs into future grant applications and Tribal funding requests, as needed;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, that the Tribal Council hereby supports the Tribal Data Modernization Implementation Project and endorses the application for funding and participation in the Tribal Implementation Center Program, with procurement costs estimated up to \$2,000,000.00 (Two Million Dollars and No/100), with a maximum award amount of \$2,000,000.00 (Two Million Dollars and No/100), and no Tribal match commitment.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Choctaw Nation Public Health Department to exercise the Nation's Public Health Authority, determine conditions and/or diseases reportable to the Nation, and to set forth the requirements for healthcare facilities and laboratories to report said conditions to the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, the Tribal Council authorizes the Choctaw Nation Public Health Department to take all necessary steps to implement the project, including procurement, vendor coordination, data integration, and participation in program planning with the Implementation Center and any associated national partners.

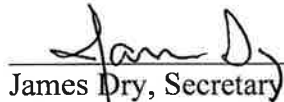
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CERTIFICATION

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 08, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 86 -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 Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-10-26