

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39350

ORDINANCE No. 74-A

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE A CHARTER OF INCORPORATION ISSUED TO
TECHPARC PROPERTIES, INC.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (j) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to create, or to provide by ordinance for the creation of organizations, including public and private corporations, for any lawful purpose, which may be non-profit or profit-making, and to regulate the activities of such organizations by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2013, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 74, which issued a Charter of Incorporation to Techparc Properties, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Techparc Properties, Inc. was formed to serve as the Qualified Low-Income Community Business for a New Markets Tax Credits transaction; and

WHEREAS, the continued existence of Techparc Properties, Inc. is no longer necessary as the duration of the aforementioned New Markets Tax Credits transaction has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Shopping Center Board of Directors has reviewed this Ordinance and recommends it to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

ENACTED, that the Tribal Council does hereby revoke the Charter of Incorporation issued to Techparc Properties, Inc. pursuant to Ordinance No. 74; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the transfer of all assets formerly held by Techparc Properties, Inc. to Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to effectuating the transfer of all assets formerly held by Techparc Properties, Inc. to Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise.

CERTIFICATION

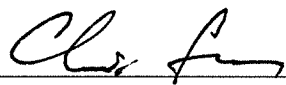
I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 13th day of April, 2021; and that the foregoing Ordinance was duly Enacted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS
101 Industrial Road
Choctaw, MS 39350

ORDINANCE NO. 81

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW TITLE IN THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF
CHOCTAW INDIANS CODE OF LAWS AS “TITLE XXXVI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT”
AND ENACTING AS CHAPTER ONE THE “CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED
OFFICIALS”

WHEREAS, Section 1(m) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians empowers the Tribal Council to establish and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of tribal members; providing for the maintenance of law, order and the administration of justice; regulating wholesale, retail, commercial, or industrial activities on tribal lands; establishing a tribal court; and defining the powers and duties of that court; subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior where such approval is required by Federal law; and

WHEREAS, Section 1(c) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all tribal government and business operations, including the regulation of conflict of interest and nepotism; and

WHEREAS, Elected Officials are elected to represent and act on behalf of the Tribal membership and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians with integrity and in a professional and dignified manner; and

WHEREAS, all Elected Officials must adhere to the highest ethical standards and conduct themselves in a manner that enhances public trust; and

WHEREAS, all Elected Officials must avoid conduct that violates the public trust or that creates an appearance of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes it is in the best interest of the MBCI Tribal Government and MBCI business operations to establish a new Title in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Code of Laws as “Title XXXVI Tribal Government” and enacting as Chapter One in the newly established Title XXXVI, the attached “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials” to become effective on July 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional and Governmental Affairs Committee has reviewed this Ordinance and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

ENACTED, that a new Title is hereby established in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Code of Laws as “Title XXXVI Tribal Government”; and be it further

ENACTED, that Chapter One of the newly established Title XXXVI shall be the attached “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials”; and be it further

ENACTED, that the “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials” shall become effective on July 13, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

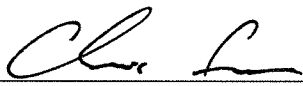
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Dated this 13th day of April 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-070(B)

A RESOLUTION TO DISENROLL A TRIBAL MEMBER

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article III of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to pass ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership, loss of membership, and the adoption of new members; provided that no person of less than one-half degree of Choctaw blood shall be admitted to membership in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1995, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16-NN, which established procedures for tribal enrollment as Title XXII of the Choctaw Tribal Code (“Tribal Enrollment Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Tribal Enrollment Code through enactment of Ordinance Nos. 16-RRR and 16-JJJJ; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-4-2 of the Tribal Enrollment Code provides that individuals shall be disenrolled from membership in the Tribe when it is discovered that they did not meet the membership criteria set forth in Article III of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe at the time they were enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee has determined that a MBCI tribal member does not meet the membership criteria set forth in Article III of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe at the time they were enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee has reviewed and approved this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby disenroll the following individual from membership in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians:

Name:	T.N.S.
Date of Birth:	08/16/1999
Enrolled By:	Resolution CHO 01-007(B)
Date of Enrollment:	05/01/2001
Enrollment No.:	12367

CERTIFICATION

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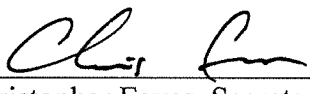
April, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-071(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INCREASE IN BLOOD DEGREE AND/OR NAME
CHANGE FOR PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title XXII of the Tribal Code, enacted through Tribal Ordinance No. 16-RRR, on February 20, 2003, a person may submit an application for change in blood quantum calculation based upon new or additional information about paternity or maternity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Officer or Tribal Enrollment Committee may make changes in blood quantum and/or name change for any members based upon additional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, an increase in blood degree and/or name change for nine (9) Tribal members has been recommended for approval by the Tribal Enrollment Committee, said changes being outlined on the Attachment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached increase in blood degree and/or name change for nine (9) Tribal members.

CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 13th day of April, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-072(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL ENROLLMENTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title XXII of the Tribal Code, enacted through Tribal Ordinance No. 16-RRR on February 20, 2003, after applications for Tribal enrollment are recommended by the Tribal Enrollment Committee, "Each enrollment in the tribe shall be approved by resolution of the Tribal Council. Each such resolution may contain one or more enrollments"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal enrollment applicants on the attached list have been recommended for approval by the Tribal Enrollment Committee; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of this Resolution, there will be **11,042** enrolled Tribal members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby enroll the attached list of **43** persons beginning with the name **M. Allen** and ending with **J. Wilson** in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and does hereby direct that roll numbers be assigned.

CERTIFICATION

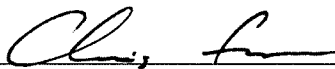
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-073

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE DRUMMOND WOODSUM ON THE LIST OF ATTORNEYS
AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF
CHOCTAW INDIANS AND TO APPROVE TERMS OF RETENTION

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (e) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to employ and pay legal counsel, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior so long as such approval is required by Federal law; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 12-046, which approved a list of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has modified the aforementioned list through adoption of Resolutions CHO 12-064, CHO 12-105, CHO 12-117, CHO 13-006, CHO 13-110, CHO 13-111, CHO 14-098, CHO 15-011, CHO 17-016, CHO 18-076, CHO 20-028, CHO 21-019, CHO 21-020, CHO 21-021, and 21-065; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Tribe to engage specialized legal counsel to advise the Tribe on issues relating to carbon offset transactions and medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Drummond Woodsum has both a Tribal Nations Practice Group and a Regulated Substances Practice Group with experience advising Indian tribes on issues relating to carbon offset transactions and medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Drummond Woodsum have not previously been authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve addition of Drummond Woodsum to the list of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Terms of Retention attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the continuance, amendment, or extension of the Terms of Retention attached hereto as Exhibit "A" without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

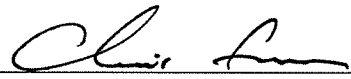
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-074

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO
APPLY FOR A LOAN FROM CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION TO
RENOVATE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons, or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, Central Electric Power Association receives funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant ("USDA REDLG") program for the purpose of providing zero-interest loans of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to renovate MBCI's industrial and commercial facilities to attract new tenants and retain existing tenants; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that energy efficiency improvements, infrastructure improvements, and broadband upgrades at MBCI's commercial and industrial facilities will cost approximately one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000.00), as summarized in the document attached hereto as "Exhibit A"; and

WHEREAS, use of a USDA REDLG loan to fund the proposed renovations of MBCI's industrial and commercial facilities will promote economic development throughout Central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, use of a USDA REDLG loan to fund the proposed renovations of MBCI's industrial and commercial facilities does not violate the limitations set forth in 7 C.F.R. §§ 1703.20 and 1703.21; and

WHEREAS, there are no known conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest, or appearances of conflicts of interest which would prohibit the Administrator from making an informed decision on MBCI's application for a USDA REDLG loan to fund the proposed renovations of MBCI's industrial and commercial facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to apply for a USDA REDLG loan of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from Central Electric Power Association to fund the proposed renovations of MBCI's industrial and commercial facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to enter into an irrevocable Letter of Credit with The Citizens Bank to secure the proposed USDA REDLG loan from Central Electric Power Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize a MBCI tribal guarantee of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to secure an irrevocable Letter of Credit with The Citizens Bank; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment or extension of the proposed USDA REDLG loan from Central Electric Power Association without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

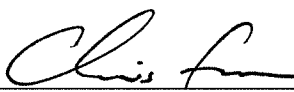
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-075

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A DISTRIBUTION OF TRIBAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has pioneered in the development of revenue-producing industrial and commercial enterprises, which produce revenues for the Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians should derive some benefit from the general production of revenues insofar as it is feasible; and

WHEREAS, the amended Tribal-State Compact of IGRA Class III gaming between the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the State of Mississippi Section 7.6(2) states: "Per capita payments may be made to individual tribal members in an amount not to exceed one thousand and no/100 (\$1000.00) per year by the authority of, and in accordance with, an ordinance and regulations duly adopted by the Tribal Council and with a Revenue Allocation Plan approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, if required or equivalent thereof."; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 1996, the Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the Tribal-State Compact amendment regarding distribution and the Tribal Council in Ordinance 77 approved provisions regarding the per capita payments from gaming proceeds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to promulgate procedures and to conduct the distribution of **\$600.00** per Tribal member on July 1, 2021, in accord with the attached Notice of Funds Distribution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 (\$100 per member) be funded from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' non-gaming general fund revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,933,363 (\$500 per member) from Tribal gaming distributions to the Tribe to carry out this distribution and authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to take all necessary action to effectuate said distribution.

CERTIFICATION

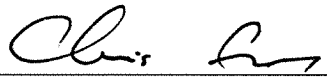
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-076

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHOCTAW GAMING COMMISSION
REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 15-1-27 of the Tribal Code empowers the Choctaw Gaming Commission to adopt, amend or repeal regulations consistent with Title XV as it may deem necessary or desirable, subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission deems it necessary to amend certain provisions of Chapters 6 and 14 of its Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission has approved the attached proposed revisions to Chapters 6 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations and recommends their approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached revisions to Chapters 6 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapters 6 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations in the form attached hereto shall become effective upon Tribal Council passage.

CERTIFICATION

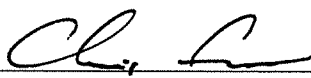
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-077

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHOCTAW GAMING COMMISSION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 15-1-27 of the Tribal Code empowers the Choctaw Gaming Commission to adopt, amend or repeal regulations consistent with Title XV as it may deem necessary or desirable, subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission deems it necessary to amend certain provisions of Chapter 10 of its Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission has approved the attached proposed revisions to Chapter 10 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations and recommends their approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached revisions to Chapter 10 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapter 10 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations in the form attached hereto shall become effective upon Tribal Council passage.

CERTIFICATION


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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-078

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR WATERSHED DAMAGE REPAIR IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (h) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove all allocations or disbursement of tribal funds (or funds under control of the tribe) not specifically appropriated or authorized in a budget approved by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service has advised that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is eligible through the Emergency Watershed Protection (“EWP”) Program both now and in the future to receive funding for the repair of watershed damage caused by natural disasters that meet certain qualifying criteria; and

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to repair such watershed damage when it occurs to minimize hazards to individuals and to guard against additional loss of property, including land, buildings, roads, utilities, or other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes MBCI to submit an application for assistance to the EWP Program for a slope failure in the Conehatta Community as well as any future qualifying events that meet the criteria of the EWP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe will be required to provide matching funds when it intends to utilize funding from the Watershed Protection Program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MBCI’s application for assistance is made with the following stipulations:

- 1) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe and pursuant to federal law, will only comply with those regulations that are specifically applicable to Indian Tribes; and
- 2) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) adheres to a publicly-announced policy of Indian preference in all employment related actions including recruitment, employment, reduction-in-force, promotion, training and transfer to the maximum extent allowed by applicable law; and
- 3) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) is exempt from making certification regarding or from filing Standard Form-LLL regarding lobbying per 31 U.S.C. Sec. 1352, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1602, 40 CFR 34.105(1) and 40 CFR 34.110, as to any such activity which may have been or may be undertaken by Tribal officials or Tribal

employees or where such reporting is otherwise exempted under §1352(d). The MBCI has not engaged any outside lobbyist to engage in any such activity regarding this grant which would require reporting under any of the referenced statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee to apply for, negotiate, accept, and administer any funding offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for repair of watershed damage caused by natural disasters, including the use of matching funds from the Community Construction Budget Account (Account 806), contracting out of any technical procedures, and construction activities required to meet the terms of such funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to execute additional applications, agreements, or other documents required to facilitate the performance of any watershed damage repair projects by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to renew and/or apply for additional natural disaster mitigation funding that may become available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service on an ongoing basis as eligible projects are identified.

CERTIFICATION


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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-079(B)

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ±120 ACRES OF LAND IN NESHOPA COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons, or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, J. Kyle Welch wishes to sell the Tribe ± 120 acres of land in Neshoba County, Mississippi, a description of which can be found in Deed Book 2019, Pages 4506-4507 in the Chancery Clerk’s Office of Neshoba County, Mississippi, for a price of \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, appraisals by Mike Tinsley and John C. Bates indicate that the value of the land is \$144,000.00 and the value of the timber on the land is \$78,570.00; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for additional trust lands to accommodate an increase in tribal membership and to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to transfer fee title to the above-referenced lands to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe under the provision of Title 25, Part 151 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to contract for the purchase and execute the purchase of the above-referenced land on behalf of the Tribe for the price not to exceed \$250,000.00, plus closing costs, surveying, title insurance, and a Phase I Environmental Assessment to be paid from the fund balance in the Tribal Revenue Land Purchase Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to submit an application to transfer fee title to the above-referenced land to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe under the provision of Title 25, Part 151 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the purchase of the above-referenced land or its transfer to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 13th day of

April, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:




Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:



Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

4/15/2021

Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-080

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT OF RITA MATTERA AS
CIVIL COURT JUDGE IN THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURTS

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 16-SS, the Tribal Council streamlined the Tribal Court system and established the following courts: Civil Court, Adult Criminal Court, Youth Court and Peacemaker/Iti-Kana-Ikbi Court; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief nominates candidates for judicial appointment, and the Tribal Council considers these appointments through a review by the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Judge shall serve a term of four years, and there is a current vacancy in one of the Civil Court Judicial positions; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continuity of court proceedings, the Tribal Chief has nominated Rita Mattera to serve as Civil Court Judge to fill this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Rita Mattera appeared before the Committee on Judicial Affairs and Law & Order on April 7, 2021, to undergo examination of her qualifications and competence pursuant to the requirement of §1-3-3(3); and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee approved and recommended Rita Mattera be appointed to the position of Civil Court Judge effective April 13, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the judicial appointment of Rita Mattera, Civil Court Judge, to fill the vacant Civil Court Judge position until the date of the Regular Call Tribal Council meeting in April, 2025, or until a successor has been duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

CERTIFICATION

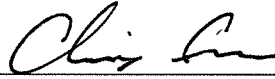
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-081

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS'
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR A W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION
RACIAL EQUITY 2030 GRANT

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is offering a \$90 million challenge seeking ideas from anywhere in the world and will scale them over the next decade to transform the systems and institutions that uphold inequity; and

WHEREAS, the Kellogg Foundation project's goal is to advance racial equity and racial healing, community engagement and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Racial Equity 2030 is a global challenge in honor of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's 90th anniversary -- calling for bold solutions to drive an equitable future for children, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Kellogg Foundation grant funds will allow the Tribe's Department of Schools ("DOS") to engage in a ten-year-long project to include self-assessment and evaluation, instructional services improvement, a greater focus on Choctaw language and culture in the Choctaw Tribal Schools, to address and reduce racial inequity, and to increase the number of licensed Choctaw teachers in the classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Tribal School system seeks to produce well-educated, well -rounded students and graduates prepared to succeed in higher education and vocational training and to provide a strong supportive structure over the coming decade to help realize these positive changes and outcomes in the system; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe can benefit greatly from additional and external resources to enhance the capacity and services for DOS; and

WHEREAS, the Kellogg Foundation grant opportunity does not require cost sharing or non-Federal, Tribal matching; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Education Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribe's grant application is made with the following stipulations:

- 1) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) is a Federally-recognized Indian tribe and pursuant to Federal law, will only comply with those regulations that are specifically applicable to Indian Tribes; and
- 2) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) adheres to publicly-announced policy of Indian preference in all employment related to actions including recruitment, employment, reduction-in-force, promotion, training and transfer to the maximum extent allowed by applicable law; and
- 3) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) is exempt from making certification regarding or from filing Standard Form-LLL regarding lobbying per 31 U.S.C. Sec. 1352, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1602, 40 CFR 34.105(1) and 40 CFR 34.110, as to any such activity which may have been or may be undertaken by Tribal officials or Tribal employees or where such reporting is otherwise exempted under §1352(d). The MBCI has not engaged any outside lobbyist to engage in any activity regarding this grant which would require reporting under any of the referenced statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for and receive funds, if awarded, from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity 2030 grant and to renew subsequent applications upon the availability of project funds from the Kellogg Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment or extension of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant, without further Council action.

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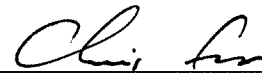
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-082

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS' GRADING POLICY
TO PROVIDE STUDENTS EQUITY IN GRADING IN THE EVENT OF EXTENUATING
CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IMPEDE THE LEARNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has operated the Choctaw Tribal School System since July 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Choctaw Tribal Schools' Handbook containing the grading policy for 2020-2021, which currently states grades will be averaged as follows:

“Semester grades will be the average of the two nine weeks' grades. The yearly grade will be the average of the two final semester grades;” and

WHEREAS, adding an addendum to provide an equitable grading formulation for all students faced with an adverse situation that presents extenuating circumstances will benefit all Choctaw Tribal School students; and

WHEREAS, in such an event, the following grading formulation will be instituted:

The four (4) nine weeks' term average grades will stand independent. Each student's lowest nine weeks' term average grade of the four (4), nine weeks' term average grades will be omitted and the remaining three (3) nine weeks' term average grades will be averaged for the yearly grade; and

WHEREAS, each school principal will monitor and validate this process; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Education Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

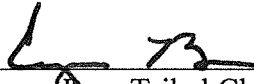
RESOLVED, that the grading policy outlined above shall be effective for the 2020-2021 school year and the Choctaw Tribal Schools' Handbook is amended to reflect the changes approved in this Tribal Council resolution concerning grading policy.

CERTIFICATION

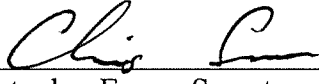
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-083

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (c) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all Tribal government and business operations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has operated the tribally funded Youth Opportunity Program (“Y.O.P.”) since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Y.O.P. provides employment opportunities and work experience for Tribal member youth; and

WHEREAS, the Y.O.P. Employee Handbook requires regular amendments and it was last approved by Tribal Council in Resolution CHO 19-086; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Education Committee has reviewed the proposed revision of the Y.O.P. Employee Handbook and it is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby adopt the revised Youth Opportunity Program Employee Handbook, as attached, which will become effective immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

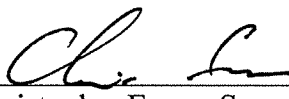
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Date this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary- Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-084

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME FY 2021 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a two-phase process for application, submission, and review; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 requires a Population Certification Form; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 requires a project description, detailed budget, Standard Form 424, financial capability questionnaire form, tribal authorization/ resolution and submit into GMS additional material as indicated in the award offer notification to comply with grant administrative requirements necessary to accept the award agreement and to clear conditions that restrict access to funds; and

WHEREAS, the overall goal of this program is to provide support and develop innovative training and technical assistance and to provide direct services to improve the overall quality of victim assistance and services; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will support a range of activities including needs assessment, strategic planning, program development and implementation, program expansion, and other activities to address the victim service needs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Funding Opportunity Number is OVC-2021-90001; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Department of Family and Community Services seeks federal funding under the OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program; and

WHEREAS, the Family and Community Services and Veterans Affairs Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the grant application is made with the following stipulations:

- 1) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and pursuant to federal law, will only comply with those regulations that are specifically applicable to Indian Tribes; and
- 2) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI") adheres to a publicly announced policy of Indian preference in all employment related actions including recruitment, employment, reduction in force, promotion, training and transfer to the maximum extent allowed by applicable law; and

- 3) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI") is exempt from making certification regarding or from filing Standard Form-LLL regarding lobbying per 31 U.S.C. Sec. 1352, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1602, 40 CFR 34.105(1) and 40 CFR 34.110, as to any such activity which may have been or may be undertaken by tribal officials or tribal employees or where such reporting is otherwise exempted under §1352(d). The MBCI has not engaged any outside lobbyist to engage in any activity regarding this grant which would require reporting under any of the referenced statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime for FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program grant and renew subsequent applications upon the availability of grant funds; and be it further

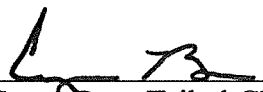
RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment or extension of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program grant, without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

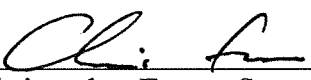
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-085

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS 2018 FARM BILL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons, or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1980, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 82-80, which authorized the Tribal Chief to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Food and Nutrition Service ("FNS") to operate a MBCI food distribution program; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2005, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 06-004, which authorizes the Tribal Chief to reapply for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") grant funding on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, Section 4003(b) of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 ("2018 Farm Bill") authorizes a demonstration project which will allow tribal organizations participating in FDPIR to enter into self-determination contracts with FNS to purchase agricultural commodities instead of ordering those commodities from USDA; and

WHEREAS, FNS is soliciting proposals from tribal organizations to participate in the FDPIR 2018 Farm Bill Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations; and

WHEREAS, participation in the FDPIR 2018 Farm Bill Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations will allow MBCI's Food Distribution Program to purchase agricultural commodities from suppliers within MBCI's Reservation, including Choctaw Fresh Produce; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Family Services & Veteran Affairs Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to submit a proposal for MBCI to participate in the FDPIR 2018 Farm Bill Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to MBCI's participation in the FDPIR 2018 Farm Bill Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

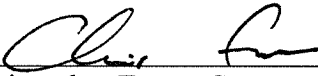
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-086

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MISSISSIPPI COUNTRY MUSIC TRAIL MARKER TO
COMMEMORATE THE HISTORY OF COUNTRY MUSIC PERFORMED AT THE
CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII, Section 1(a) of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Division of the Mississippi Development Authority of the State of Mississippi established the state-wide Country Music Trail to commemorate the contributions of persons, performers, and entities to the country music industry; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe was selected in 2011 as a site of a country music trail marker on the reservation to honor the late Robert Bruce Ferguson, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Indian Fair has a long history of presenting various country music artists, from future stars to classic favorites; and

WHEREAS, the Country Music Trail Commission (the “Commission”), in conjunction with the Community Development Partnership of Neshoba County, has recommended that a Country Music Trail marker be installed on the reservation to commemorate the contributions of the Choctaw Indian Fair in the promotion of the country music industry; and

WHEREAS, the cost of production of the permanent trail marker is \$9,000, and the Commission is requesting a one-time match of \$4,500 from the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it would be timely and appropriate to celebrate the awarding of this second Country Music Trail marker at the 2021 Choctaw Indian Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Culture Committee has reviewed this Resolution and recommended that it be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize acceptance of a permanent Country Music Trail marker from the Country Music Trail Commission, which honors the contributions of the Choctaw Indian Fair to the country music industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the production of the marker and preparation for placement of the marker, without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 21-087

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS
FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (a) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate with and to approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Early Childhood Education (“DOECE”) is an annual recipient of grant funds from the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Head Start, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “Grantor”); and

WHEREAS, Grantor has made available supplemental funds from a “Supplement-COLA and Quality Improvement” grant, No. 90CI010070; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has made a total of \$29,471 available; and

WHEREAS, DOECE desires to apply for these supplemental cost-of-living adjustment (“COLA”) and quality improvement funds, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been recommended by the Chair of the Education Committee to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that DOECE’s grant application be made with the following stipulations:

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RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for, negotiate and sign a grant application for COLA funds from the Administration for Children & Families, subject to adjustment and continued federal funding; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for, negotiate and sign future applications for COLA funds from the Administration for Children & Families, so long as those funds continue to be available on an annual basis; and be it further


RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the continuance, amendment or extension of this grant award without further Council action.

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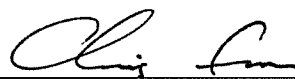
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Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer