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

ORDINANCE NO. 78

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING LIMITS ON NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES FOR CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARISING ON THE CHOCTAW INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, under Article VIII Sec. 1 (k) and (o) of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or "Tribe"), the Tribal legislative power of the MBCI is vested in the Tribal Council to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members and to establish policies relating to tribal economic affairs; and

WHEREAS, claims for injury based on medical malpractice or breach of standard of care against health care providers including institutions for the aged or infirm arising off the Choctaw Indian Reservation under State jurisdiction in Mississippi are presently subject to a \$500,000.00 cap for non-economic damages per MCA 11-1-60(2)(a), and a \$1,000,000.00 cap for non-economic damages for any civil action other than those subject to the \$500,000.00 cap; and

WHEREAS, this State law limitation on non-economic damages for such claims is not applicable to medical malpractice and other civil claims against health care providers based on their actions or inaction occurring outside of the State's jurisdiction and within the Tribe's jurisdiction on Choctaw Indian Reservation lands, except when both parties (the patient and the provider) are not members of the MBCI; and

WHEREAS, there is from time to time a need for the Choctaw Health Center ("CHC"), the Choctaw Residential Center, or other non-tribal entities operating on the Reservation, e.g., the Fresenius Dialysis Center, to enter into independent contractor arrangements to procure the services of health care providers who are not tribal employees working under the Tribe's Title V Compact of Self-Governance (hence who are not covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA")) to provide health care to patients or clients in or at those facilities or otherwise on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, tribal employees of the CHC and independent contractor providers who qualify as personal service contractors (and who work within the CHC) are covered by the FTCA under Pub. L. 101-512 (for tribal employees) or under the "personal services contract" provisions at 25 U.S.C. § 5321(d), 25 C.F.R. Part 900.193, 25 U.S.C. § 5396 (for "personal service contract" providers); but, for providers who do not qualify for such FTCA coverage, there is a need to ensure that they have in place adequate medical malpractice liability insurance coverage, both to protect potentially affected CHC, Choctaw Residential Center, or Dialysis Center patients, and to cover the affected providers; and

WHEREAS, the predominant medical malpractice liability insurance provider in Mississippi has advised the Tribe that they will not provide such coverage for providers for health care work provided on Choctaw Indian Reservation lands, unless the Tribe enacts limits on the amount of non-economic damages that can be recovered on such claims comparable to those in place for civil claims against such providers which arise off the reservation under State jurisdiction in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to ensure that such liability insurance coverage is available for medical malpractice and other civil claims against health care providers arising on Choctaw Reservation lands not covered by the FTCA, and that the current State law limitations on non-economic damages for such claims are reasonable and appropriate for application within the Tribe's jurisdiction on Choctaw Reservation lands; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Heath Center Governing Board, the Chairman of the Health Committee and Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee have reviewed the proposed Ordinance No.78 and approve the development of Title XXXIV and recommended it be forwarded to Tribal Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Tribal Council desires to amend the Choctaw Tribal Code to add Title XXXIV, "Limitations on Non-Economic Damages for Medical Malpractice Claims," wherein the ordinance will be codified,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Council does hereby enact the following limitations on the amount of non-economic damage which are recoverable for medical malpractice and other civil claims arising from the actions or inactions of health care providers on the Choctaw Indian Reservation:

- (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
 - (a) "Non-economic damages" means subjective, nonpecuniary damages arising from death, pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, worry, emotional distress, loss of society and companionship, loss of consortium, bystander injury, physical impairment, disfigurement, injury to reputation, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of the enjoyment of life, hedonic damages, other nonpecuniary damages, and any other theory of damages such as fear of loss, illness or injury. The term "non-economic damages" shall not include punitive or exemplary damages.
 - (b) "Actual economic damages" means objectively verifiable pecuniary damages arising from medical expenses and medical care, rehabilitation services, custodial care, disabilities, loss of earnings and earning capacity, loss of income, burial costs, loss of use of property, costs of repair or replacement of property, costs of

obtaining substitute domestic services, loss of employment, loss of business or employment opportunities, and other objectively verifiable monetary losses.

- (c) "Health care provider" means any licensed physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, acupuncturist, licensed practical nurse, osteopath, dentist, hospital, institution for the aged or infirm, pharmacist, podiatrist, optometrist or chiropractor [or other health care practitioners or institutions who would be covered by Miss. Code § 11-1-60 et seq. if a medical malpractice claim had arisen against them off the reservation subject to state law].
- (2) It is the intent of this section to limit all non-economic damages as follows:
- (a) In any cause of action filed on or after May 1, 2019, for injury based on medical malpractice or breach of standard of care against a health care provider, including institutions for the aged or infirm, in the event the trier of fact finds the defendant liable, they shall not award the plaintiff more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for non-economic damages.
- (b) In any civil action filed on or after May 1, 2019, other than those actions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in the event the trier of fact finds the defendant liable, they shall not award the plaintiff more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for non-economic damages.
- (c) The trier of fact shall not be advised of the limitations imposed by this provision and the judge shall appropriately reduce any award of non-economic damages that exceeds the applicable limitation.
- (d) These limits apply only to actions against health care providers for claims which are not covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act.
- (3) Nothing contained in section (1) or (2) shall be construed as creating a cause of action or as setting forth elements of or types of damages that are or are not recoverable in any type of cause of action; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Choctaw Tribal Code be amended by adding Title XXXIV, "Limitations on Non-Economic Damages for Medical Malpractice Claims" wherein the ordinance will be codified.

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, 17 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Ordinance was duly Enacted by a vote of 11 members in favor, 6 opposed and 0 abstaining.

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Dated this the 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-059

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHOCTAW GAMING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council enacted Tribal Ordinance No. 16-FF, now codified in Title XV "Gaming Code" in the Choctaw Tribal Code, which provides in Section 15-1-1(1) for a Chairman and two Associate Commissioners to the Choctaw Gaming Commission to be appointed for staggered terms by the Tribal Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council interprets Gaming Code to permit confirmed appointees to the Choctaw Gaming Commission to hold office until his or her successor has been appointed by the Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 15-025 confirmed the Tribal Chief's appointment of Bea Carson to serve as Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 15-025 confirmed the Tribal Chief's appointment of Glendale Willis as Associate Commissioner for a term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission and the term of one Associate Commissioner have expired; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the reappointment of Bea Carson as Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the reappointment of Glendale Willis as Associate Commissioner with a term expiring on December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the reappointments confirmed by this Resolution shall become effective upon the adoption of this Resolution and said persons shall hold office until such time as his or her successor has been appointed by the Tribal Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council.

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, 17 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

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ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-060

A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS TRIBAL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") is the owner of vehicles which are of high mileage, have mechanical and body damage, and have outlived their program usefulness; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Procurement Office has determined that certain vehicles are no longer of any value to tribal government programs because of high mileage and excessive maintenance cost; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through adoption of CHO 15-014 has authorized the ongoing disposal of inoperable surplus Tribal vehicles as salvage sales to recycling or salvage companies; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to make operable vehicles appropriate for personal use available for sale to tribal members; and

WHEREAS, inoperable or special use vehicles which require specialized training or licensure to operate are not appropriate for personal use; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Tribe to dispose of the attached listing of vehicles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to dispose of operable surplus vehicles appropriate for personal use on the attached listing by sale to tribal members by sealed bid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a minimum bid may be placed on each vehicle according to condition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to dispose of any remaining surplus vehicles by various means which the Tribal Chief determines are most economically beneficial to the Tribe; and be it further

RESOLVED, that title to vehicles will be conveyed to the purchaser before the vehicle is released to assure all liabilities of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for the surplus vehicles are extinguished at the time of transfer.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum

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were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-061

A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS TRIBAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") is the owner of property, furniture and equipment, including mobile home or portable building units, (hereinafter "Equipment") which have been designated as surplus by tribal government programs; and

WHEREAS, surplus Equipment is stored at various locations throughout the Choctaw Indian Reservation, including, but not limited to: the Tribal Procurement Office, the supply warehouse, the fitness center, the old Choctaw Health Center, next to the old Choctaw Police Department, and in the basement of the new Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Procurement Office has determined that certain Equipment is no longer of any value to tribal government programs; and

WHEREAS, much of the identified equipment has 1) been previously been offered for sale to tribal members; 2) has no usable value for personal use; or 3) requires processing to certify the destruction or proper handling of hazardous materials or items with confidential or sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Tribe to dispose of the property by various means which are most economically beneficial to the Tribe; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to dispose of the attached list of surplus property by sale to tribal members or other various means which the Tribal Chief determines are most beneficial to 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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss I Anderson Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-062(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (g) 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 approve or disapprove operating budgets upon submission to the Tribal Chief; and

WHEREAS, 25 CFR 163.25 requires Tribes to develop forest management deduction expenditure plans; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution CHO 18-044 (B) approved Timber Administration budgets for revenues collected in Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council approval of FY 2018 plan for ten percent forest management deductions is required to allow the withdrawal of funds from the forest management deduction account at Treasury; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the timber sales for FY 2018 is \$75,710.66; and

WHEREAS, interest earned on FY 2018 timber sales is \$715.80; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Program has prepared the attached Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions in total amount of \$76,426.46; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Natural Resources has reviewed the attached Expenditure Plan 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 Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents as necessary to execute this Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum, were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened, and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Phyliss J. Andersop, Tribal Chief

Richard T. Isaac, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:

Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

Date

Date

RESOLUTION CHO 19-063(B)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF TIMBER HARVESTED IN BOGUE CHITTO COMMUNITY UNITS 26, 27 AND 31

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) 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 approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands…"; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Program has requested the Tribal Council approve of an open-market sale of timber in Bogue Chitto Community Units 26, 27 and 31 which includes 2,627 tons of Pine logs, 4 tons of Pine Chip-n-Saw, 65 tons of Pine Pulpwood, 349 tons of Hardwood Logs, and 420 tons of Hardwood Pulpwood; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Forestry Program has computed an appraisal of the aforementioned timber in the amount of \$89,344.00; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.4 of the MBCI Multi-Resource Management Plan (MRMP), includes 40-acre limits for clear cut final harvest; and, it is necessary to deviate from the 40 acre limit, as allowed in the MRMP, to address the backlog of unharvested trees in the Timber Harvest Schedule listed in section 2.3 of MRMP, to gain better value from the mature tree stands and promote better regeneration, more efficient harvesting with the stands of similar characteristics in contiguous areas, allow for roads, building and residential improvements and reduce timber sale administrative processing for similar stands; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Natural Resources reviewed the attached proposal for the sale of harvested timber in Bogue Chitto Units 26, 27 and 31 and recommended this matter be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve of the public sale of harvested timber from Bogue Chitto Units 26, 27 and 31 for no less than the appraised amount of \$89,344.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the above-described timber sale in the Bogue Chitto Community be sold on the open market through publicly-advertised bids for no less than the appraised value; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any proceeds from the sale of said timber shall be deposited into the Tribal Trust Fund with ten percent (10%) of such proceeds deposited into the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forest Management Deduction Account; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chief or her designee, is authorized to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate the sale of this timber without further Tribal Council action.

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

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were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

Richard T. Isaac, Secretary-Treasurer

7-12-2019

RECOMMENDED:

Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

Date

RESOLUTION CHO 19-064

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, TO IMPLEMENT A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women has made available grant funds to provide transitional housing assistance for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI has many members that can benefit from such program; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Community and Family Services and Veterans Affairs Committee has reviewed this resolution and recommends this matter 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 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 her designee to apply for, negotiate, and sign a grant application with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women for the grant amount up to \$350,000.00 subject to adjustment, to fund a transitional housing assistance program on the Reservation to aid victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the continuance, amendment, renewal or extension of this grant award subject to the availability of funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-065

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE CHOCTAW HOUSING AUTHORITY

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, a need exists to assist individuals and families and provide housing from displacement due to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, has made grant funds available to implement a Transitional Housing Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Transitional Housing Assistance Program will assist Tribal victims with housing and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, MBCI Department of Family and Community Services ("DFCS") and Choctaw Housing Authority ("CHA") desire to work in coordination and cooperation with each other to assist victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking with housing needs; and

WHEREAS, should the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women award the MBCI this grant, the DFCS and the CHA shall implement the proposed Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and the Chairman of the Community and Family Services & Veterans Affairs Committee have reviewed the attached Memorandum of Understanding and recommended this matter be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve and authorize the Tribal Chief to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the MBCI Department of Family and Community Services and Choctaw Housing Authority in substantially the same form as attached, to be effective upon the awarding of the above referenced grant; and be it further

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

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum

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were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-066

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS OF NATIVE ELDERS CONDUCTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

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 Administration on Aging is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS"); and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Center on Native American Aging ("National Resource Center") has been awarded grants from the Administration on Aging to provide technical assistance to assess the health and social needs of Native American elderly; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe must conduct a needs assessment of Tribal elders before it can apply for funds made available through DHHS to provide nutritional and support services to Tribal elders; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Center's needs assessment of Tribal elders is designed to yield information on general health status, activities of daily living, visual, hearing and dental needs, tobacco and alcohol use, nutrition, exercise, excess weight, social support, housing, and work; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Center will provide needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, data entry and analysis, data storage and production of tables and comparisons with national statistics; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the National Resource Center is required to perform research and disseminate the results of its research as a condition of its grants from the Administration on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Center is asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer and participate in a partnership arrangement to identify the needs of Native American elders nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled Tribal members and Tribal information is of the utmost importance; Tribal members' personal health information will be collected anonymously and a digital copy of the data stored on a secure server at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a period of ten (10) years before being destroyed and paper copies will be retained for six (6) months after the cycle ends to ensure accurate data entry then destroyed; and

WHEREAS, summary information from the Tribe's needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the need assessments, will be returned to the Tribal Council and to the local contact person; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the release of information and data collected by the National Resource Centers for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign any documents, letters, forms or applications directly related to the Tribe's participation in the National Resource Center's needs assessment of Tribal elders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign additional documents, forms or applications directly related to the continuance, amendment or extension of this needs assessment project without further Council action, for so long as the data to be collected shall be used in support of continued applications for funding made available through DHHS.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-067

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN MOBILE HOMES OWNED BY THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE CHOCTAW INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) 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 approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in land, tribal funds, or other tribal assets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (p) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians empowers the Tribal Council to pass any ordinances and resolutions necessary or incidental to the exercise of any of the foregoing powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Tribal Housing and Loan Program ("THLP") has, for many years, entered into Tribal Home Lease/Purchase Agreements with Tribal Members for rental of mobile home units; and

WHEREAS, there are currently sixteen (16) Lease Purchasers who executed Tribal Mobile Home Lease/Purchase Agreements between the period of July 2000 and August 2011, said Lease Purchasers being listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and after reviewing those Agreements, it is evident that the terms and conditions for said Purchases have not been uniform, including the amount of interest charged and the length of the leases; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Mobile Home Lease/Purchase Agreements require the Lease Purchasers to perform repairs and maintenance to the mobile homes and said homes have greatly depreciated in value over the years due to the fact that many were not new at the time of the execution of the leases; and

WHEREAS, it is not in the Tribe's best economic interest to spend additional funds on renovation of mobile homes which are near the end or at the end of their expectancy of use; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Mobile Home Lease Purchase program, the management in the THLP has recommended that the current sixteen (16) Mobile Homes be transferred to the Lease Purchasers and that the remaining debt due from the Lease Purchasers be extinguished; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to convey title to the sixteen (16) mobile home units to the Lease Purchasers so they may apply for funding through the Housing Improvement Program ("HIP") with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or seek additional housing alternatives through the THLP or Choctaw Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, since the Lease Purchasers will no longer have monthly lease purchase payments due after the extinguishment of the debt, the Lease Purchasers will have available funds to make any needed renovations to their Mobile Homes while they seek additional housing; and

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

RESOLVED, that the mobile homes listed on Exhibit "A" be transferred to the Lease Purchasers that have signed the Tribal Mobile Home Lease/Purchase Agreements so that they may qualify for "HIP" housing and may seek additional housing alternatives through the THLP or Choetaw Housing Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the debts associated with the sixteen (16) Mobile Home Lease Purchase Agreements on Exhibit "A" be extinguished; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to take all necessary action, including the signing of any necessary documents including Bills of Sale, necessary for the successful implementation of this Resolution.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-068

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE XXI OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL CODE, MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAW ANIMAL CONTROL CODE

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (k) 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 promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Ordinance 16-JJJ, an Ordinance to Establish Chapter 2 of Title XXI of the Choctaw Tribal Code, Mississippi Choctaw Animal Control Code; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted prior regulations through Resolution CHO 09-009 and CHO 01-098, to control unrestrained and neglected domestic animals other than livestock that are a health hazard and a nuisance to the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, funding for this animal control program is included in the fiscal year budgets of the Wildlife and Parks Program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to revise and expand regulations in order to properly manage the increase of complaints related to domestic animals, including livestock and exotic animals; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judicial Affairs and Law & Order has reviewed the amendments to Title XXI 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 amended Mississippi Choctaw Animal Control Code to include regulations on domestic animals, including livestock and exotic animals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the amended Mississippi Choctaw Animal Control Code related to impoundment and penalty fines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon passage by the Tribal Council and the Office of the Attorney General shall ensure that the Tribal website has been updated to reflect this statutory change.

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, 17 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 13 members in favor, 4 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

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ATTEST:

hyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-069

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CHAIRMAN'S GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

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 Chahta Immi, the Special Projects/Media Program, is interested in applying for a Chairman's Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities ("NEH") to document oral history and cultural traditions of Choctaw stickball through testimonies and cultural instructions for preservation and outreach purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Special Projects/Media Program will collaborate with the Chahta Immi Cultural Center, the Cultural Affairs Program, the Elderly Activity Center, the Office of Public Information, and Tribal communities to preserve aspects of Choctaw stickball still available in living memory for educating young Choctaws about their heritage and for archival purposes; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI believes there is an urgent need to document oral history and cultural traditions from community members as sharing these experiences with young Choctaws will connect them to their past, encourage intergenerational relationships, and instill a sense of understanding of their heritage to carry on to the next generation; and

WHEREAS, NEH has invited MBCI to submit an application for a Chairman's Grant in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the research, video capture and editing of multiple short documentaries; and

WHEREAS, the Culture Committee has reviewed the grant application 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 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 to apply for and receive an award of federal grant funds from NEH for the MBCI Department of Chahta Immi, Special Projects/Media Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to execute any further documents which are necessary to implement the terms of the grant, to comply with NEH requirements for funding, or to timely execute renewals, modifications, extensions or termination of the grant without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-070

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS, CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM, TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA") has released a Funding Opportunity Announcement ("FOA") to reduce suicide and funding is available up to five years for a total amount of \$750,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Health Center's Behavioral Health Program has titled this project the Choctaw Youth Resilience Initiative-MS ("CYRI-MS") for application purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funds will augment and extend current and previous suicide prevention efforts implemented by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the grant project are: (1) to increase the number of youth-serving organizations that are able to identify and work with youth at risk of suicide; (2) to increase the capacity of clinical service providers to assess, manage, and treat youth at risk of suicide; and (3) to improve the continuity of care and follow-up of youth identified to be at risk for suicide, including those discharged from emergency department and inpatient psychiatric units; and

WHEREAS, the key population to be served by this grant project will be MBCI citizens and other eligible American Indians/Native Americans 10-24 years old in and around all tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed by the Governing Board of Choctaw Health Center and approved by the Chairman of the Health Committee and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribe's continued funding for Choctaw Health Center Behavioral Health Program 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 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 her designee, to apply for this funding solicitation and renew subsequent applications upon the availability of funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign additional documents, forms or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment or extension of the grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the Choctaw Health Center Behavioral Health Program, without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9^{th} day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Knderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-071

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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 University of Southern Mississippi (the "University") is an educational institution providing degree programs in nursing and health professions; and

WHEREAS, the University's College of Nursing and Health Professions is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the University's College of Nursing and Health Professions is to create an educational environment that supports student success and prepares highly qualified professionals to improve health at the local, state, national, and global levels; and

WHEREAS, clinical education in the nursing care of individuals, families, and groups is a required and integral part of the University's nursing and health professions degree program; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Health Center possesses the facilities and professional expertise to provide clinical experience to the University's students enrolled in its nursing and health professions degree program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council previously authorized the Choctaw Health Center to enter into a clinical affiliation agreement with the University under Resolution CHO 04-146; and

WHEREAS, the clinical affiliation agreement entered into pursuant to Resolution CHO 04-146 is outdated and no longer reflects the current expectations of Choctaw Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to enter into a new agreement with the University to host nursing and health professions students at Choctaw Health Center for the purpose of providing an educational clinical experience for the University's nursing and health professions students under a defined curriculum of study and supervision; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Governing Board of Choctaw Health Center and by the Chairman of the Health Committee and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chief to execute the attached Affiliation Agreement in substantially the same form attached for implementation of a nursing and health professions student clinical learning experience program; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign additional documents, forms or contracts directly related to the implementation, continuance, amendment or extension of this affiliation agreement without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-072

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A P.L. 93-638 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO DEMOLISH THE OLD RED WATER CLINIC BUILDING

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 Tribe opened a new Health Clinic in the Red Water Community on February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the building which previously housed the Red Water Clinic was operated by the Tribe under a use agreement with the Indian Health Service ("IHS"); and

WHEREAS, IHS Health Station Building IHS#0000 1 (hereinafter "old Red Water Clinic building") is described as being 2,440 gross square feet and is located at 1930 N. Pearl St., Carthage, MS, 39051 (32°45'49"N 89°32'73"W) on a 0.80 acre lot in an east to west axis; and

WHEREAS, the old Red Water Clinic building is in disrepair and its usefulness no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tribe and IHS that the old Red Water Clinic building be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to enter into a P.L. 93-638 construction contract with IHS to allow for the Tribe to demolish the old Red Water Clinic building and to recover all costs associated with the demolition, including a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") and disposal of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Governing Board of the Choctaw Health Center and by the Chairman of the Health Committee 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 or her designee to enter into a P.L. 93-638 construction contract with IHS to demolish the old Red Water Clinic building and to recover all costs associated with the demolition project, including a Phase 1 ESA and disposal of hazardous materials; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the demolition project, including a Phase 1 ESA and disposal of hazardous materials, without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-073(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TERM LEASE EXTENSION FOR A CURRENT RESIDENTIAL HOUSE LEASE FOR GLORIA YORK IN THE PEARL RIVER

COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) 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 approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands...; and

WHEREAS, Gloria York has secured the United States of Housing and Urban Development Guarantee Section 184 Indian Home Mortgage Loan through the Bank of England Mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the United States of Housing and Urban Development requires Gloria York's current residential 1 year lease site be extended to 25 years with a 25 year option to renew to process the loan; and

WHEREAS, Gloria York has made application through the Realty Program for a lease for twenty-five years with an option to renew for 25 years on her current residential house 1 year lease site in the Pearl River Community, on tribal trust lands which may further be described as follows:

From the NE corner of the NE ¼, of the SW ¼, Section 19, T.11N, R.11E, thence run East 600.00 feet, thence run South 1,360.00 feet to point of beginning, thence run South 80.00 feet; thence run East 120.00 feet; thence North 80.00 feet, thence run West 120.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.22 acre more or less, situated in the W ½, of the SE ¼, Section 19, T.11N, R.11E, Pearl River Community, Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, under 25 CFR §162.311(a) the Tribe may grant a lease term not to exceed a maximum of fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Office of Environmental Protection has completed an Environmental Review on the referenced property in accordance with 24 CFR 58.5 (BIA reference 516DB 10.5 (m) (7)); and

WHEREAS, a Cultural Resource Survey Report on the above-referenced property was done by an archeologist and submitted to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History ("MDAH") and the MDAH Review and Compliance Officer has concurred that there are no known resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places which were located in the project area or are likely to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Natural Resources has reviewed the attached lease extension and recommends it be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to negotiate and sign a mutually agreeable and appropriate type of term lease with Gloria

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York for a twenty-five (25) year term with one (1) twenty-five (25) year option to renew subject to all Tribal regulatory and building code requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all requirements outlined in 25 U.S.C. §415 and 25 CFR Part 162 be fully complied with in negotiating and executing the lease.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choetaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

Richard T. Isaac, Secretary-Treasurer

4-12-2019

RECOMMENDED:

Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

Date

RESOLUTION CHO 19-074

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS' HEAD START PROGRAM

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 Mississippi State Department of Health ("MSDH") has expressed their desire to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with MBCI Head Start Program for the purpose to provide oral health education to Head Start children, families and staff; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed MOA, MSDH will provide licensed dental hygienists under the general supervision of the State Dental Director and/or licensed dentists with the State Office of Oral Health who will perform oral health assessments of each Head Start child; and

WHEREAS, the MSDH will provide fluoride varnish treatment and oral health assessment at no cost to the child's parent, private insurance, Medicaid or to the Head Start grantee; and

WHEREAS, the MSDH will maintain confidential records of protected health information collected for each oral assessment and will provide the Head Start program with a report detailing the results of each oral health assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has reviewed the attached Memorandum of Agreement 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 or her designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, in substantially the same form as attached, with the Mississippi State Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to sign additional documents, forms or contracts directly related to the implementation, continuance, amendment, extension or termination of this Memorandum of Agreement without further Council action.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

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ATTEST:

Phyliss J Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-075

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CONTINUATION OF A SECTION 5311 RURAL GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC TRANSIT DIVISION

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 Tribe has successfully operated a transit system under Section 5311 grants since receiving its first grant in 1980; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for grants through the Mississippi Department of Transportation-Public Transit Division; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Transit Program serves seven Choctaw communities within a four county area of east central Mississippi providing non-emergency medical transportation, dialysis, after school, work related commuter routes, and elderly program and noon meal deliveries; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Transit Program is a public transportation service provided by the grant that continues to be needed on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic Development has reviewed the attached grant 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 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.

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, the authority to sign any documents necessary for implementation of the grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to apply for a grant award from the Mississippi Department of Transportation-Public Transit Division and to negotiate, sign and receive a grant award from the Mississippi Department of Transportation; and be it further

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

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-076

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COMMERCIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS D/B/A CHOCTAW SHOPPING CENTER ENTERPRISE AND THE SHED SAUCERY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (i) 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 make or revoke assignments of tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Ord. No. 16-RRRR authorizes and sets forth the process for approval of commercial land assignments in existing tribal facilities; and

WHEREAS, after enactment of Ord. No. 16-RRRR, Congress enacted the HEARTH Act, 25 U.S.C. 415, which authorizes tribes to execute tribally-approved leases of Indian lands without BIA approval pursuant to tribally-enacted leasing regulations after BIA approval of those regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has adopted proposed HEARTH Act leasing regulations which have been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") and which will be published in the Federal Register to finalize approval; and

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Commercial Land Assignment ("CLA") as authorized by Ord. No. 16-RRRR is attached hereto and there is an entity that wishes to lease a tribal facility operated by the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and there is a need to execute a CLA with that entity so they may occupy the facility; and

WHEREAS, the CLA will be converted to a Lease Agreement per the following term found in the CLA at Section 33, once the Tribe's HEARTH Act leasing regulations are implemented into a new lease template:

The Tribe and Assignee agree to substitute a tribally-approved lease in place of this Commercial Land Assignment once the Tribe has obtained HEARTH Act leasing authority. Such lease shall otherwise conform to the terms and conditions set up in this Assignment, but may include further options for one or more extended terms; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Utility Service Line Agreement for installation of a water line for service to the property; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed tenant and recommends that the Tribal Council authorize a Commercial Land Assignment for Brad Orrison d/b/a The Shed Saucery; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize a Commercial Land Assignment for the following tenant with the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise: Brad Orrison d/b/a The Shed Saucery; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to execute a Commercial Land Assignment as provided herein and any other further necessary documents to effectuate said Assignment, including a future Lease upon approval of a new lease template following approval of the Tribe's HEARTH Act regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to execute a Utility Service Agreement, as attached herein or in substantially the same form, with the appropriate waste service provider for installation of a water line to the property.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Pribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-077

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COMMERCIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS D/B/A CHOCTAW SHOPPING CENTER ENTERPRISE AND LIVING WATER PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (i) 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 make or revoke assignments of tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Ord. No. 16-RRRR authorizes and sets forth the process for approval of commercial land assignments in existing tribal facilities; and

WHEREAS, after enactment of Ord. No. 16-RRRR, Congress enacted the HEARTH Act, 25 U.S.C. 415, which authorizes tribes to execute tribally-approved leases of Indian lands without BIA approval pursuant to tribally-enacted leasing regulations after BIA approval of those regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has adopted proposed HEARTH Act leasing regulations which have been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), and which will be published in the Federal Register to finalize approval; and

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Commercial Land Assignment ("CLA") as authorized by Ord. No. 16-RRRR is attached hereto and there is an entity that wish to lease a tribal facility operated by the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and there is a need to execute a CLA with that entity so they may occupy the facility; and

WHEREAS, the CLA will be converted to a Lease Agreement per the following term found in the CLA at Section 33, once the Tribe's HEARTH Act leasing regulations are implemented into a new lease template:

The Tribe and Assignee agree to substitute a tribally-approved lease in place of this Commercial Land Assignment once the Tribe has obtained HEARTH Act leasing authority. Such lease shall otherwise conform to the terms and conditions set up in this Assignment, but may include further options for one or more extended terms; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed tenant and recommends that the Tribal Council authorize a Commercial Land Assignment for Living Water Pentecostal Church/Dorothy Wilson; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize a Commercial Land Assignment for the following tenant with the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise: Living Water Pentecostal Church/Dorothy Wilson; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to execute a Commercial Land Assignment as provided herein and any other further necessary documents to effectuate said Assignment, including a future Lease upon approval of a new lease template following approval of the Tribe's HEARTH Act regulations.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-078

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATION OF CHOCTAW RESERVATION LAND FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD FACILITY IN THE PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council is to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands...; and

WHEREAS, the current Head Start facilities in the Pearl River community is outdated and in need of being replaced for the benefit of the participating children and sufficient funds have been appropriated for the construction of new Head Start facility; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Construction Management in cooperation with the Office of Early Childhood Development has identified property in the Pearl River Community that is convenient for the public and suitable for construction of a Head Start building which may further be described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the NW corner of Section 25, T11N, R10E, Neshoba County, MS. Thence run East for 1,275.71 feet; Thence run South for 398.55 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel; Thence, continue along said Right of Way S 0° 44' 56" W for 555.80 feet, Thence run N 62° 21' 28" W for 305.30 feet; Thence run N 16° 34' 08" E for 439.21 feet; Thence run S 87° 25' 15" E for 152.63 feet, said point being the point of beginning. This Parcel contains 2.47 acres, more or less, and is situated in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 25, T11N, R10E, Neshoba County, MS; and

WHEREAS, a Cultural Resource Assessment was prepared for the site and submitted to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History ("MDAH"), and the Review and Compliance official has concurred that there are no known resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places which were located in the project area or which were likely to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has the sovereign power and constitutional authority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(b) to designate Choctaw Reservation lands for specific purposes for the benefit of the Tribe and to support the provision of public services to its members, tribal government, operations and enterprises; and

WHEREAS, such a designation of Choctaw Reservation land for the benefit of the Tribe does not convey or alienate any interests in such lands to any third party or encumber those lands for the benefit of any third party and therefore does not require the approval of the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been approved by the Committee on Natural Resources 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 designation of the Choctaw Reservation land in the Pearl River community as described above for the public purposes stated above, which designation shall remain in full force and effect for so long as said land shall be required for said educational facility and until the said educational facility has reached its useful life and is no longer operational; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Chief and the Office of the Attorney General to take all necessary actions to perfect such designation and to prepare and execute such documents as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the will of the Tribal Council as expressed herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chief or her designee, to execute additional applications, agreements, or other documents required to facilitate the provision of utilities to the sites herein designated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any timber in excess of \$100 in value be removed by the Tribal Forestry Program, with the proceeds from the sale of such timber to be deposited in the tribal trust account.

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 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 4 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Phyliss I. Anderson Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-079

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 CHOCTAW COMMUNITY FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1985, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 46-85, "A Resolution to Create the Choctaw Community Fund and Suspend Tribal Involvement in the United Way of Neshoba County"; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution established the purpose of the Choctaw Community Fund as raising "funds for the benefit of programs for Choctaw young people operated by the Tribal Government," expanded by Resolution CHO 56-88 to include "the elderly and other needy members of the Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution established a schedule for the Community Fund in which pledges and contributions are made in the fall of the year, with the Tribal Council approving the budget for each year's funds thereafter; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached Choctaw Community Fund Budget for 2019 in the amount of \$72,354.00.

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, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Andersof, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-080(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL ENROLLMENTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title XXIII of the Tribal Code, enacted through Tribal Ordinance No. 16-RRR, enacted 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 enrollments on the attached list have been recommended by approval by the Tribal Enrollment Committee; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of this Resolution, there will be <u>11,029</u> enrolled Tribal members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby enroll the attached list of $\underline{41}$ persons beginning with the name of $\underline{A. Anderson}$ and ending with $\underline{D. York}$ in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and does hereby direct that the roll numbers be assigned.

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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-081(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BLOOD DECREASE FOR PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title XXII of the Tribal Code, enacted through Tribal Ordinance No. 16-RRR, enacted 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 for any member based upon additional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in blood degree for one (1) tribal member has been recommended for approval by the Tribal Enrollment Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached decrease in blood degree for tribal member H. Meely (DOB: 5/22/1997).

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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 19-082(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INCREASE IN BLOOD DEGREE FOR PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title XXII of the Tribal Code, enacted through Tribal Ordinance No. 16-RRR, enacted 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 for any member based upon additional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, an increase in blood degree for one (1) tribal member has been recommended for approval by the Tribal Enrollment Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached increase in blood degree for tribal member C. Hickman (DOB: 3/4/2014).

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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2019; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief