RESOLUTION CHO 18-076

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONTINGENCY FEE AGREEMENT WITH SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, FIELDS PLLC, AND GILBERT LLP AND TO AMEND THE LIST OF ATTORNEYS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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, Resolution CHO 05-014, CHO 06-146, CHO 07-015, CHO 07-108, CHO 08-065, CHO 09-005, CHO 10-031, CHO 10-101, CHO 12-039, CHO 12-117, CHO 13-006, CHO 13-111, CHO 14-098, and CHO 17-016 approved a listing of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to hire specialized legal counsel to assist in its pursuit of recoveries for harms caused to it by manufacturer, distributor, and retail pharmacy chain misconduct in connection with prescription opioid drugs; and

WHEREAS, the firms of SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, FIELDS PLLC and GILBERT LLP have not previously been approved to perform legal services for MBCI; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to engage the services of SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, FIELDS PLLC and GILBERT LLP to represent the Tribe in opioid litigation and settlement claims as detailed in the attached Opioid Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, FIELDS PLLC and GILBERT LLP to perform legal services for the Tribe; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached Opioid Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement with the law firms of SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, FIELDS PLLC and GILBERT LLP and does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign said contract on behalf of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs that no claim pursued under the Opioid Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement may be settled without written authority from 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 9 members in favor, 7 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss Anderson, Tribal Chief

**RESOLUTION CHO 18-077** 

## 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 Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 14 of its Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission has approved the attached proposed revisions to Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations and recommends their approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judicial Affairs and Law & Order has reviewed the attached proposed revisions and recommends their presentation to the full Tribal Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached revisions to Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 14 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations in the form attached hereto shall become effective upon Tribal Council passage.

## **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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss U. Anderson, Tribal Chief

**RESOLUTION CHO 18-078** 

## 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 4 of its Regulations to include regulations governing sports pools, race books, and parimutuel wagering; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Gaming Commission has approved the attached proposed revisions to Chapter 4 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations and recommends their approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judicial Affairs and Law & Order has reviewed the attached proposed revisions and recommends their presentation to the full Tribal Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached revisions to Chapter 4 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapter 4 of the Choctaw Gaming Commission Regulations in the form attached hereto shall become effective upon Tribal Council passage.

### **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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss Anderson, Tribal Chief

**RESOLUTION CHO 18-079** 

## A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2018 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 2018 in the amount of \$71,350.00.

## **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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief

**RESOLUTION CHO 18-080** 

# A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF CHOCTAW FOOD DISTRIBUTION 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 USDA, Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service is inviting Federal grant applications from Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, the CFDA number for the grant opportunity is 10.594; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Food Distribution Program seeks funding to purchase crockpots for all Tribal participants to facilitate their preparation of nutritious family meals; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Family Services and Veterans Affairs Committee Chair has reviewed the Tribe's grant application and recommends that application be forwarded to the full Tribal Council for their approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribe's USDA grant application for the Food Distribution 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 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 her designee, to apply for and sign for available USDA grant programs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or her designee, to renew USDA grants and to apply for any new grants in subsequent applications subject to the availability of funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## **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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J Anderson, Tribal Chief

**RESOLUTION CHO 18-081** 

# A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER RODERICK BELL IN THE BOGUE CHITTO COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VI of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Section 33-3-3 of Title XXXIII (Choctaw Tribal Election Code) of the Tribal Code establish the procedures for Community members to petition for the recall of a Tribal Council member elected by a Community to the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the Tribal Election Committee issued a recall petition form in response to a requesting party for the recall of Council Member Roderick Bell of the Bogue Chitto Community in accordance with Section 33-3-3(2)(B) of Title XXXIII; and

WHEREAS, the requesting party submitted completed petitions to the Tribal Chief's office on May 10 and 11, 2018, and the Tribal Chief submitted the petitions to the Tribal Election Committee on May 14, 2018, for review and certification; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, the Tribal Election Committee issued a Certification affirming that the number of eligible voters' signatures on the petitions from the Bogue Chitto Community required to meet the 40% minimum requirement of Section 7 of Article VI was satisfied to initiate a recall election; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VI requires that if the petition requirements are met, within 60 days the Tribal Council shall cause to be held a special election on the question of recall; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Tribal Council does hereby authorize a special election on the question of recall in the Bogue Chitto Community for Council Member Roderick Bell to be held on July 24, 2018 and to be conducted by the Tribal Election Committee in accordance with the Tribal Election Code.

### 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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief