

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-098(B)

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RELINQUISHMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE
MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Section §22-4-1 of the Tribal Enrollment Code provides that any adult MBCI Tribal member may voluntarily relinquish their MBCI Tribal membership contingent upon their enrollment as a member of another federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 23-053(B), which authorized conditional relinquishments of MBCI Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Office has received written confirmation that the two subjects of the aforementioned Resolution were enrolled as members of another federally recognized Indian Tribe on February 8, 2023 and May 2, 2023, respectively; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby acknowledge that the two subjects of Resolution CHO 23-053(B) relinquished their MBCI Tribal membership on February 8, 2023 and May 2, 2023, respectively.

CERTIFICATION

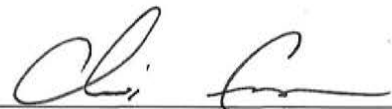
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Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-099(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INCREASES IN BLOOD DEGREE AND NAME
CHANGES FOR PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

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

WHEREAS, Section §22-2-8 of the Tribal Enrollment Code provides that MBCI Tribal members may apply to increase their blood degree based on new or additional information about paternity or maternity; and

WHEREAS, Section §22-3-11 of the Tribal Enrollment Code provides that MBCI Tribal members may change their names as they appear in MBCI’s enrollment records by submitting certain documents; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee is recommending that the Tribal Council approve increases in blood degree and name changes for three MBCI Tribal members as specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve increases in blood degree and name changes for three MBCI Tribal members as specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

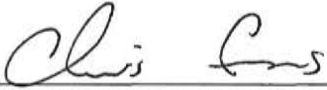
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Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-100(B)

A RESOLUTION TO ENROLL TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Sections §22-2-10 and §22-2-14 of the Tribal Enrollment Code provide that new MBCI Tribal members are to be enrolled by Tribal Council Resolution upon a recommendation by the Tribal Enrollment Committee that those new members meet the membership criteria set forth in Article III of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee is recommending that the Tribal Council enroll 42 new MBCI Tribal members as specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of this Resolution, there will be **11,051** enrolled members of MBCI; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby enroll the **42** persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, beginning with the name **R. Allen** and ending with **C. York**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the assignment of roll numbers to all 42 persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

CERTIFICATION

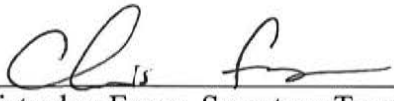
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Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-101

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE TRIBAL CHIEF AND SECRETARY-TREASURER
AND THE AUTHORITIES GRANTED TO EACH REGARDING CASH AND INVESTMENT
ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, financial institutions that have been approved as depositories of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians require that the Tribe provide a Resolution stating that the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer have the authority to not only sign signature cards but have the authority to execute any necessary documents to properly manage a bank or investment account; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians empowers the Tribal Chief to properly receive, deposit, disburse and account for all funds and the Secretary-Treasurer shall sign and approve all disbursements of Tribal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer is elected by the Tribal Council following each regular election; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Resolution confirms that the Tribal Chief is **Cyrus Ben** and the Secretary-Treasurer is **Christopher Eaves** and that by the power granted to them by the Tribal Constitution both, signing together, are authorized on behalf of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to open/establish one or more accounts at any approved depository of the Tribe beginning July 11, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer have been empowered with the fullest authority to act on behalf of the Tribe when executing necessary documents relating to the management of Tribal investment account(s) at financial institutions; authority is also given to the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to jointly instruct brokers/dealers to purchase, sell, possess, transfer, dispose and exchange any securities, in accordance with previously approved Tribal Council Resolutions, as they deem necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event of a change in the office of powers of persons hereby empowered, a Resolution, in the same manner, shall be adopted by the Tribal Council to reflect the changes.

CERTIFICATION

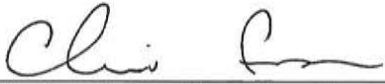
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Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-102

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRIBAL CHIEF AND SECRETARY-TREASURER
TO INSTRUCT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF SPECIAL
TRUSTEE (OST), TO DISBURSE FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE INVESTMENT
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TRIBE

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) operates in accordance with the Revised Constitution and Bylaws, adopted by the Tribe, ratified and recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians desires that the federal government carry out fiduciary obligations in a prudent manner in order that the Tribe’s business affairs be held confidential by the Office of Trust Funds Management (“OST”); and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has the need to receive timely and accurate responses to requests for financial information and/or draw downs from the Tribe’s trust accounts maintained by OST; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal officials authorized to initiate financial transactions, obtain information or give investment instructions are as follows: the Tribal Chief, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Tribe as listed on Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians requests, through this Resolution, that the OST recognize any two (2) of the above referenced Tribal officials as authorized to act for the Tribe and that any requests submitted by them be deemed as valid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chief to provide specific written authorization for designated members of the Tribe’s Office of Finance and Accounting to initiate financial transactions, obtain information or give investment instructions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no trust funds may be withdrawn for use by the Tribe without the specific authorization of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

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Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-103

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRPERSONS

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council by Resolution has adopted Committee System Procedures with identified standing committees; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined a need to modify the list of standing committees due to the need to provide oversight in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the recent election in June 2023 now requires adjustments to the Tribal Council Committees and the appointment of members and Chairpersons to the committees; and

WHEREAS, the Budget & Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer with the membership consisting of the remaining sixteen (16) Tribal Council members; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee, the Housing Committee, and the Health Committee shall consist of eight (8) members, one member from each of the eight (8) Choctaw Communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the following Tribal Council Committees with the total number of members per Committee and Committee Chairpersons:

Committee

Budget & Finance (17 Members)
Children and Youth (6 Members)
Community and Family Services & Veteran Affairs (7 Members)
Congressional & Governmental Affairs (8 Members)
Culture (7 Members)
Economic Development (10 Members)
Education (8 Members)
Health (8 Members)
Housing (8 Members)
Human Resources, Training & Development (7 Members)
Judicial Affairs and Law & Order (8 Members)
Lobbyist, Public Relations & Politics (8 Members)
Natural Resources (8 Members)
Public Works, Fire & Construction (8 Members)
Recreation (8 Members)

Chairperson

Christopher Eaves
Deborah Martin
Ricky Anderson, Sr.
Hilda Nickey
Berdie Steve
Kendall Wallace
Demando Mingo
Dorothy Wilson
Loriann Ahshapanek
Samuel John
Richard Sockey
Nigel Gibson
Gregory Shoemake
Kent Wesley
Timothy Thomas, Sr.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby appoint Tribal Council members to the above committees as attached.

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 18th day of July, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 17 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-104

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION REQUEST OF THE WEAVING HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM TO YAPPALLI AND WAKAYA PROGRAMS FROM DR. CATHERINE MCKINLEY OF TULANE UNIVERSITY AND DR. MICHELLE JOHNSON-JENNINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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 approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catherine McKinley (Burnette) of Tulane University is requesting a research extension of the Weaving Healthy Families Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michelle Johnson-Jennings of the University of Washington is requesting to conduct research by implementing the Yappalli and Wakaya Program; and

WHEREAS, the research will benefit the MBCI to promote resilience, wellness, health, cultural connectedness, leadership development among youth, families, and community while preventing high risk substance use, violence, suicide, and distress; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension would continue to engage members on community advisory board(s) to help guide, adapt, and drive culturally grounded programs for the MBCI; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to deepen development of culturally based programs with community members that integrates MBCI teachings and teachings from other work promoting safe and resilient families and communities of wellness free of high-risk substance use and harm to self and others; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension would enhance and deepen sustainable and institutionalized culturally grounded programming that: (1) have been developed by and with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the United Houma Nation; (2) are integrations and extensions of the Weaving Healthy Families to incorporate the Yappalli and Wakaya programs; and (3) have been tested and supported in research with other Tribes; and

WHEREAS, there will be no financial cost to the Tribe and Dr. McKinley and Dr. Johnson-Jennings will cover all costs through external grant funding; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McKinley and Dr. Johnson-Jennings will provide periodic updates/reports of said research in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office and failure to comply may result in termination of said research; and

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

RESOLVED, that the results of this research shall be submitted in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of this research shall be presented to the Tribal Chief and the Tribal Council and said research shall not be published or otherwise revealed without the permission of the Tribal Chief and the Tribal Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms or contracts directly related to the implementation, continuance, amendment or extension of the attached research request attached hereto as Exhibit "A" 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, 17 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 11th day of July, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 17 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-105

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SETH KATENKAMP OF YALE UNIVERSITY TO
CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE CHOCTAW LANGUAGE BY CONDUCTING AND
RECORDING INTERVIEWS WITH MBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS

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 approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, Seth Katenkamp is a doctoral candidate at Yale University and is required to complete doctoral research to fulfill graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Katenkamp wishes to conduct research to document and analyze the pronunciation of Choctaw language particularly the rhythm of Choctaw words; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Katenkamp will conduct recorded interviews with MBCI Tribal members and participation is voluntary; and

WHEREAS, this research shall begin upon passage of this Resolution and shall be completed by June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Katenkamp will provide documentation of approval from his advisor and the Institutional Review Board (“IRB”) at Yale University prior to beginning research and will provide periodic updates/reports of said research in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office and failure to comply may result in termination of said research; and

WHEREAS, there will be no cost to the Tribe and all information and products obtained through this research belongs to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

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

RESOLVED, that the completed research shall be submitted in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office by June 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of this research shall be presented to the Tribal Chief and Tribal Council and said research may be reviewed by Yale faculty and shall not be published or otherwise revealed without the permission of the Tribal Chief and the Tribal Council; and be it further

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

CERTIFICATION


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ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-106

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMY OFFNER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON “EXPERIENCES OF DEBT AMONG CHOCTAWS IN MISSISSIPPI DURING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY”

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 approve or disapprove contracts or agreements with Federal, State, or local governments, with private persons or with corporate bodies; and

WHEREAS, Amy Offner is a history professor at the University of Pennsylvania and is requesting to conduct archival research on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

WHEREAS, the proposed research focuses on the changing experiences of debt among members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians during the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Offner is requesting assistance from MBCI’s Tribal Archives to review Tribal Council meeting minutes and Tribal Council Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, this research shall begin upon passage of this Resolution and shall be completed by August 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Offner will provide periodic updates/reports of said research in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office and failure to comply may result in termination of said research; and

WHEREAS, there will be no cost to the Tribe and all information and products obtained through this research project belongs to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

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

RESOLVED, that Ms. Offner is authorized to review Tribal Council meeting minutes and Tribal Council Resolutions from 1945 to 1985 at MBCI’s Tribal Archives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the completed research shall be submitted in writing to the Office of the Attorney General and the Policy & Legislative Office by August 1, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of this research shall be presented to the Tribal Chief and Tribal Council and said research shall not be published or otherwise revealed without the permission of the Tribal Chief and the Tribal Council; and be it further

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

CERTIFICATION


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ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-107(B)

A RESOLUTION TO ACQUIRE ±80 ACRES OF LAND IN NESHOPA COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI AND TO TRANSFER FEE TITLE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN
TRUST FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of 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, MBCI Reservation lands in the Pearl River Community presently adjoin on all sides approximately ±80 acres of land currently owned and offered for sale by TAMARACK TIMBERCO MS INC and which are located in Section 12, Township 11 N, Range 10 E, Neshoba County MS attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the said parcel of land is identified as tax parcel number 03700-12-002.000 with the land description recorded in Deed Book 2021 Page 544 of the Chancery Clerk’s Office in Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, additional federal trust lands are needed to accommodate an increase in Tribal membership and to promote Tribal self-determination; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to purchase the above said ±80 acres of fee land on behalf of the Tribe for a price not to exceed three hundred sixty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$369,500) plus applicable closing costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to submit an application to transfer fee title to the above-referenced private land to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the purchase of the above-referenced private land and its transfer to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

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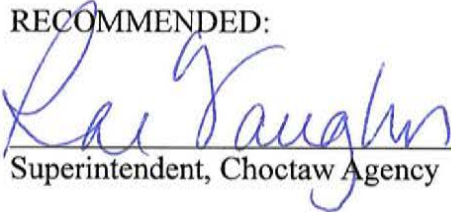


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:



Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

7/17/23

Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-108

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS AND BCI MISSISSIPPI
BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND

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

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 21-112, which authorized applications for grants to fund expansion of broadband service on MBCI Reservation lands and approved a memorandum of understanding establishing the scope of a future agreement under which BCI Mississippi Broadband, LLC d/b/a MaxxSouth Broadband ("MaxxSouth") would deploy its broadband service to all households on MBCI Reservation lands in the Bogue Chitto, Conehatta, Pearl River, Red Water, Standing Pine, and Tucker communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 22-070(B), which approved agreements for MaxxSouth to build and maintain broadband infrastructure on MBCI Reservation lands in the aforementioned communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2022, the Governor of the State of Mississippi signed House Bill 1029, which established a Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi ("BEAM") Fund for the purpose of financially supporting projects that will provide broadband service to unserved or underserved areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, there are MBCI Tribal members residing outside of the MBCI Reservation in areas of central Mississippi that still do not have adequate broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, through their collaborative relationship, MBCI and MaxxSouth have demonstrated the ability to efficiently deploy broadband service in rural central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit "A" establishes the scope of a future agreement under which MBCI and MaxxSouth would collaborate to deploy broadband service outside of the MBCI Reservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with MaxxSouth attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

CERTIFICATION

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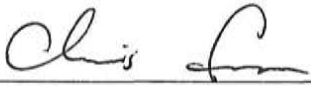
were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 11th day of July, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 17 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 23-109

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF AND TO APPROVE AN OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR CHAHTA LINK, LLC D/B/A C-LINK

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) is a sovereign, federally-recognized Indian Tribe with inherent authority to create, authorize and regulate corporate entities doing business within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and

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

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16-CCCC, which establishes a statutory framework governing the formation of limited liability companies as Title XXXV, Chapter 1 of the Choctaw Tribal Code (“Limited Liability Company Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Limited Liability Company Code through enactment of Ordinance No. 16-IIII; and

WHEREAS, Section §35-1-5 of the Limited Liability Company Code provides that a limited liability company may be formed by an organizer who is authorized by Tribal Council Resolution to sign and deliver a certificate of formation to the Secretary-Treasurer for filing; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Tribe to form a limited liability company to pursue business opportunities relating to the deployment of telecommunications services and the marketing, billing, and subsidy compliance activities associated with those services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Director of the MBCI Office of Economic Development to act as organizer for Chahta Link, LLC d/b/a C-Link by signing, certifying, and delivering in duplicate to the Secretary-Treasurer the Certificate of Formation attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the Operating Agreement for Chahta Link, LLC d/b/a C-Link attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

CERTIFICATION

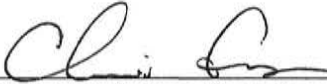
I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 17 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 11th day of July, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 17 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer