

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-005

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL SEAL, TRIBAL LOGO, AND TRIBAL
FLAG USAGE GUIDELINES AND TO ENACT THE TRIBAL EMBLEMS USE CODE AS
TITLE XXXVI, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL CODE

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

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1965, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 24-65, which approved the design of the MBCI Tribal seal; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 1980, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16, which established Titles I through XII of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1994, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 216-94, which approved the design of the MBCI Tribal flag; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2021, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 81, which established rules governing the conduct of elected officials as Title XXXVI, Chapter 1 of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2023, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 81-C, which established rules prohibiting the hiring of persons who commit theft offenses against the Tribe as Title XXXVI, Chapter 2 of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended Title XXXVI of the Choctaw Tribal Code through enactment of Ordinance No. 81-B; and

WHEREAS, both the Tribal Emblems Use Code and the Tribal Seal, Tribal Logo, and Tribal Flag Usage Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibits “A” and “B” will standardize the depiction of MBCI’s Tribal emblems; and

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

ENACTED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the Tribal Seal, Tribal Logo, and Tribal Flag Usage Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Tribal Council does hereby establish the Tribal Emblems Use Code attached hereto as Exhibit "B" as Title XXXVI, Chapter 3 of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Tribal Emblems Use Code and the Tribal Seal, Tribal Logo, and Tribal Flag Usage Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" will take effect immediately upon enactment of this Ordinance 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, 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, 2024; and that the foregoing Ordinance was duly Enacted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-068(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ABSOLUTE RELINQUISHMENT 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 provided that both the Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Tribal Council approve the relinquishment; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, the Tribal Enrollment Committee approved the below listed person’s request to absolutely relinquish their MBCI Tribal membership and recommended the same be forwarded to the Tribal Council for final approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve an absolute relinquishment of MBCI Tribal membership for the following person:

Name:	K.K.M.
Date of Birth:	12/20/1953
Enrolled By:	Resolution CHO 13-033(B)
Enrollment No:	14966

RESOLVED, that the absolute relinquishment of MBCI Tribal membership for the person identified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A” shall be effective on the date this Resolution is adopted 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, 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, 2024; 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, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-069(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A NAME CHANGE FOR A PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Section §22-3-11 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 the name change for one MBCI Tribal member as specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the name change for one MBCI Tribal member as specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

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, 2024; 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, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-070(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 16 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 **16** persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, beginning with the name **I. Bell** and ending with **Y. Willis**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the assignment of roll numbers to all 16 persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

CERTIFICATION

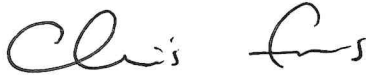
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-071

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 CHOCTAW COMMUNITY FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (h) 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 all allocations or disbursement of Tribal funds (or funds under control of the Tribe) not specifically appropriated or authorized in a budget approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1985, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 46-85, which established the Choctaw Community Fund for the purpose of raising funds for Tribal government programs that benefit Choctaw young people; and

WHEREAS, Resolution CHO 46-85 provides that the Tribal Council must approve the annual budget for the Choctaw Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council expanded the scope of the Choctaw Community Fund to include Tribal government programs that benefit the elderly and other needy members of the Tribe through adoption of Resolution CHO 56-88; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached Choctaw Community Fund Budget for 2024 in the amount of **\$85,233**.

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, 2024; 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, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-072

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

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 by the Tribal Chief; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 18-076, which authorized MBCI's participation in multi-district litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacy retailers of opioid drugs; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 22-049, which authorized agreements to settle MBCI's claims against the defendants in the multi-district litigation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreements require that the proceeds of the settlement be spent on certain activities that will remediate the impact of opioid drugs; and

WHEREAS, MBCI tribal programs are recommending that the proceeds of the settlement be spent on the activities outlined in the Opioid Settlement Funds Budget attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the Opioid Settlement Funds Budget attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to allocate the remaining Opioid Settlement Funds in a manner that will be most beneficial to MBCI and consistent with the provisions of the authorized uses of the Settlement Funds, and to provide a report to the Tribal Council annually.

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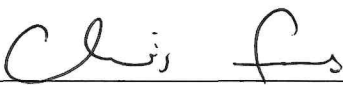
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-073

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO
APPLY FOR A COMPETITIVE INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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 December 19, 1995, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 53, which granted a charter establishing Choctaw Housing Development Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Housing Development Enterprise was reorganized as Choctaw Housing Development Program through enactment of Ordinance No. 56; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2012, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 13-014, which authorized establishment of a consolidated Tribal Housing & Loan Program (now known as “Choctaw Loan Program”) as part of a reorganization of the executive branch of MBCI’s Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 appropriated \$150 million to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of awarding competitive Indian Housing Block Grants in accordance with Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-330, 110 Stat. 4016 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §4101-4243); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to apply for a competitive Indian Housing Block Grant that would fund up to \$6 million of the initial phase of a proposed apartment complex in the Pearl River Community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed apartment complex will reduce overcrowding, provide a safe and affordable alternative to deteriorating housing units, and be designed to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities, veterans, and first responders; and

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

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

- 1) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) is a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe and pursuant to Federal law, will only comply with those regulations that are specifically applicable to Indian Tribes; and

- 2) The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI”) adheres to 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. §1352, 2 U.S.C. §1602, 40 CFR §34.105(1) and 40 CFR §34.110, as to any such activity which may have been or may be undertaken by Tribal officials or Tribal employees or where such reporting is otherwise exempted under §1352(d). The MBCI has not engaged any outside lobbyist to engage in any activity regarding this grant which would require reporting under any of the referenced statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for a competitive Indian Housing Block Grant and renew subsequent applications subject to the availability of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment, or extension of the competitive Indian Housing Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

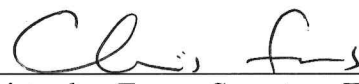
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-074(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A RESIDENTIAL LEASE FOR M. CLEMMONS IN THE PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the 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 (i) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe empowers the Tribal Council to establish and enforce rules, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, for the management of tribal lands, including, but not limited to, the making and revocation of assignments, and the disposition of timber, oil, and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1952, the Tribal Council adopted a Resolution which established rules and regulations governing the leasing of Tribal lands to MBCI Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Tribal member land leasing rules and regulations through adoption of Resolutions CHO 10-74, CHO 59-75, and CHO 01-89 and Ordinance No. 16-SSSS; and

WHEREAS, leases of MBCI Reservation lands for residential purposes no longer require Bureau of Indian Affairs approval as the Tribal Council has the sole authority to approve such leases under the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations approved by the Department of the Interior on March 5, 2019 with notice published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2019, Vol. 84, No. 69, pages 14390-14391; and

WHEREAS, MBCI Tribal member Myrtis Clemmons has applied to lease the existing mobile home site shown on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Attorney General’s Office has approved the form of the lease attached hereto as Exhibit “B” pursuant to Section 18 of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Real Estate Program is recommending that the Tribe charge nominal rent in relation to the lease attached hereto as Exhibit “B” pursuant to Section 11(b)(3) of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Real Estate Program has determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to waive the requirement for bond in relation to the lease attached hereto as Exhibit “B” pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to approve the provisions of the lease attached hereto as Exhibit “B” which allow the lessee to make their

interest in the lease subject to a leasehold mortgage without the need for further Tribal Council approval pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Tribe's HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the form of the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B" pursuant to Section 18 of the Tribe's HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve payment of nominal rent in relation to the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B" pursuant to Section 11(b)(2) of the Tribe's HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby waive the requirement for bond in relation to the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B" pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Tribe's HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the provisions of the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B" which allow the lessee to make their interest in the lease subject to a leasehold mortgage without the need for further Tribal Council approval pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Tribe's HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Tribal Council Representatives for the Pearl River Community to execute the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; 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 implementation of the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B" without further Council action

CERTIFICATION

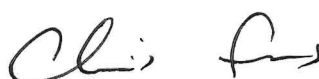
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

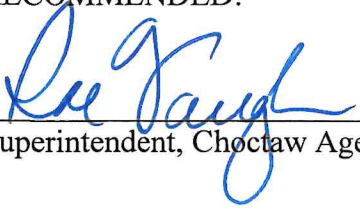


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:



Superintendent, Choctaw Agency



Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-075

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE'S NATIVE ARTS INITIATIVE 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 First Nations Development Institute is a nonprofit organization committed to improving economic conditions for Native Americans through technical assistance and training, advocacy and policy, and direct financial grants; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received grants from the First Nations Development Institute for various grant programs as authorized in Resolutions CHO 04-007, CHO 16-021, and CHO 23-119; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Development Institute has awarded \$100,000 in grant funding under their Native Arts Initiative grant program; and

WHEREAS, the awarded grant funds will be allocated to the Chahta Immi Cultural Center to be used to support organizational sustainability and efforts to preserve and promote traditional Native arts and cultural assets, knowledge systems, and lifeways in the community for the benefit of future generations; 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 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to apply for and accept a grant award from the Native Arts Initiative grant program and renew subsequent applications upon the availability of grant funds from the First Nations Development Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the awarding of, continuance, amendment, or extension of the Native Arts Initiative grant program from the First Nations Development Institute without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

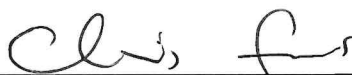
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-076

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COMMERCIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS D/B/A CHOCTAW SHOPPING CENTER ENTERPRISE AND WILSON MORATAYA D/B/A WM AUTO BODY SHOP, LLC

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 (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 establish and enforce rules, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, for the management of tribal lands, including, but not limited to, the making and revocation of assignments, and the disposition of timber, oil, and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2011, MBCI’s Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16-RRRR, which establishes procedures for agreements that assign space in Tribally owned facilities to commercial tenants (“Commercial Land Assignment Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 11-085 which amended the Commercial Land Assignment Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, 25 CFR §84.004(e) provides that agreements that encumber Tribal lands for less than seven years do not require Bureau of Indian affairs approval; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2000, MBCI’s Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 00-168(B), which designated the Choctaw Town Center for use by the Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Land Assignment attached hereto as Exhibit “A” would allow Wilson Morataya d/b/a WM Auto Body Shop, LLC to operate its business of providing services located in the Red Water Community, situated in Leake County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise Board has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary Treasurer to execute the Commercial Land Assignment between MBCI d/b/a Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and Wilson Morataya d/b/a WM Auto Body Shop, LLC attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary Treasurer to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the

implementation of the Commercial Land Assignment attached hereto as Exhibit "A" without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

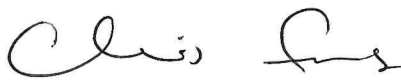
I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 9th day of April, 2024; 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, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-077

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COMMERCIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS D/B/A CHOCTAW SHOPPING CENTER ENTERPRISE AND ZAKI ELNAHAM D/B/A BIG CREEK

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 (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 establish and enforce rules, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, for the management of tribal lands, including, but not limited to, the making and revocation of assignments, and the disposition of timber, oil, and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2011, MBCI’s Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16-RRRR, which establishes procedures for agreements that assign space in Tribally owned facilities to commercial tenants (“Commercial Land Assignment Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 11-085 which amended the Commercial Land Assignment Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, 25 CFR §84.004(e) provides that agreements that encumber Tribal lands for less than seven years do not require Bureau of Indian affairs approval; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2000, MBCI’s Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 00-168(B), which designated the Choctaw Town Center for use by the Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Land Assignment attached hereto as Exhibit “A” would allow Zaki Elnaham d/b/a Big Creek to operate its business of providing Food, Drinks, Fuel, and General Merchandise located within the Bogue Chitto Community, situated in Neshoba County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise Board has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to execute the Commercial Land Assignment between MBCI d/b/a Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and Zaki Elnaham d/b/a Big Creek attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the

implementation of the Commercial Land Assignment attached hereto as Exhibit "A" without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

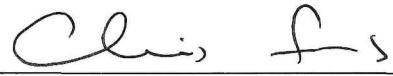
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Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 24-078

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE JERNIGAN COPELAND ATTORNEYS, PLLC TO
PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES FOR 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, on December 28, 2004, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 05-014 which established a comprehensive list of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the aforementioned list through adoption of Resolutions CHO 06-146, CHO 07-015, CHO 07-108, CHO 08-023, CHO 08-065, CHO 09-005, CHO 09-026, CHO 10-031, CHO 10-101, CHO 12-039, CHO 12-117, CHO 13-006, CHO 13-111, CHO 14-098, CHO 17-016, CHO 18-076, CHO 20-028, CHO 21-019, CHO 21-020, CHO 21-051, CHO 21-065, CHO 21-073, CHO 22-088, CHO 22-089, CHO 23-010; CHO 23-078; and CHO 23-111; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to engage the services of Jernigan Copeland Attorneys, PLLC for legal services including representation in various litigation matters, contract review and negotiation, and other general legal services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Jernigan Copeland Attorneys, PLLC has not previously been authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order 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 approve Jernigan Copeland Attorneys, PLLC to be placed on the list of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Tribe; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign an attorney contract with Jernigan Copeland Attorneys, PLLC; 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 continuance, amendment or extension of the attorney contract 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, 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, 2024; 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, 2024.

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