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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-UUUUU

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE CHILD SUPPORT CODE AS TITLE XXXVIII 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 July 14, 1980, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16, which established Titles I through XII of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has established 25 additional titles of the Choctaw Tribal Code through enactment of Ordinance Nos. 16-G, 16-I, 16-O, 16-T, 16-DD, 16-II, 16-JJ, 16-MM, 16-NN, 16-QQ, 16-UU, 16-CCC, 16-KKK, 16-QQQ, 16-UUU, 16-VVV, 16-AAAA, 16-NNNN, 16-QQQQ, 16-CCCCC, 16-SSSSS, 78, and 81 and adoption of Resolution CHO 17-037; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 23-056, which authorized an application for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to operate a Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS, 45 CFR §309.65 provides that Indian Tribes must demonstrate that they have the administrative capacity to operate their proposed Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program in order to receive funding for that program; and

WHEREAS, the Child Support Code attached hereto as Exhibit "A" provides a statutory framework for the administration of an MBCI Child Support Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order 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 establish the Child Support Code attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as Title XXXVIII of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and be it further

ENACTED, that the Child Support Code attached hereto as Exhibit "A" shall 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Ordinance was duly Tabled by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-114

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A DISTRIBUTION OF TRIBAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to promulgate procedures and to conduct the distribution of \$600.00 per Tribal member on December 7, 2023, in accord with the attached Notice of Funds Distribution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,158,000 (\$100 per member) be funded from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' non-gaming general fund revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,974,664 (\$500 per member) from Tribal gaming distributions to the Tribe to carry out this distribution and authorize the Tribal Chief and Secretary-Treasurer to take all necessary action to effectuate said distribution.

CERTIFICATION

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 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-115

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STAFF HANDBOOK FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Early Childhood Education ("DOECE") has a need to define policies and procedures specific to the operations of its early childhood centers; and

WHEREAS, DOECE has developed the attached Staff Handbook for early childhood center employees; and

WHEREAS, DOECE annually reviews and updates all handbooks to ensure comprehensive and up-to-date policies for school staff, parents and students; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached Staff Handbook, in substantially the same form as attached, for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-116

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PARENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Early Childhood Education ("DOECE") has a need to define policies and procedures specific to the operations of its early childhood centers; and

WHEREAS, DOECE has developed that attached parent handbook for parents whose children attend Tribal childcare, Head Start and Early Head Start programs; and

WHEREAS, DOECE annually reviews and updates all handbooks to ensure comprehensive and up-to-date policies for school staff, parents and students; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the attached Parent Handbook, in substantially the same form as attached, for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-117

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 WILDLIFE PROCLAMATION TO REGULATE HUNTING AND FISHING ON TRIBAL LANDS

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, certain hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational activities have been found by the Tribal Council to be detrimental to the conservation and protection of wildlife and to the environment of the Choctaw Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Tribal Code, as Adopted on August 14, 1981, and amended thereafter, is the body of law governing all civil actions arising within the Tribe's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is issued annually to regulate activities covered by Choctaw Tribal Code Title X, the Hunting and Fishing Code; and

WHEREAS, prior Resolutions were Adopted to promulgate annual Wildlife Proclamations and there is a need to adopt a Wildlife Proclamation for 2023-2024, including a schedule of permit hunting and fishing permit fees and fees for Lake Pushmataha, as well as penalties and fines for violations; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Recreation 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 Wildlife Proclamation for the 2023-2024 season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the schedule of hunting and fishing permit fees, daily and annual permit fees for Lake Pushmataha, and penalties and fines are effective immediately upon passage 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-118

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF AND TO APPROVE AN OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR CHOCTAW HOUSING AUTHORITY LIHTC 1, LLC

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 June 11, 1965, the Tribal Council adopted Ordinance No. 1, which established a charter for Choctaw Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended Choctaw Housing Authority's charter through enactment of Ordinance Nos. 1-A and 16-DDD and through adoption of Resolutions CHO 25-77 and CHO 187-93; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2000, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 00-072, which designated Choctaw Housing Authority as MBCI's Tribally-Designated Housing Entity; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2006, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 07-024(B), which designated MBCI Reservation lands for a Choctaw Housing Authority development financed through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Tribal Council enacted Ordinance No. 16-CCCCC, 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-IIIII; 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, a new business entity controlled by Choctaw Housing Authority is necessary since the investor in the aforementioned Choctaw Housing Authority development will withdraw at the end of the compliance period for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits; and WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Economic Development 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 authorize the Director of Choctaw Housing Authority to act as organizer for Choctaw Housing Authority LIHTC 1, LLC 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 Choctaw Housing Authority LIHTC 1, LLC 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-119

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S ADVANCING DIGITAL EQUITY AND ENTREPRENEURIALISM IN NATIVE YOUTH 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 First Nations Development Institute has awarded \$25,000 in grant funding under their Advancing Digital Equity and Entrepreneurialism in Native Youth grant program; and

WHEREAS, First Nations Development Institute may also have available additional training and technical assistance funding of up to an additional \$6,125; and

WHEREAS, the MBCI Office of Economic Development has existing programs supporting entrepreneurship through training and coaching and is in the process of building a maker space that will include digital fabrication equipment such as 3D printing and laser etching, among others; and

WHEREAS, the awarded grant funds will be allocated to the Office of Economic Development to be used to cover expenses to support a Choctaw youth entrepreneurship and digital skills pilot project for Choctaw youth who are interested in entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee has reviewed this Resolution and recommended it 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:

- 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 Advancing Digital Equity and Entrepreneurialism in Native Youth grant program and renew subsequent applications upon the availability of project 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 Advancing Digital Equity and Entrepreneurialism in Native Youth grant program from the First Nations Development Institute, 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-120

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGETS FOR TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAMS, AGENCIES AND OPERATIONS

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, revenues are accruing to the Tribal government from Tribal government and economic activities; and

WHEREAS, the prudent management of Tribal programs, activities, and resources requires that significant federal and Tribal resources be budgeted for the adequate support of Tribal administrative offices, departments and programs and independent agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Tribe to incorporate a Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") into the FY 2024 General Revenue Operation Budget for eligible Government Services employees except those:

- (1) Who are covered by an approved compensation or pay plan; or
- (2) Whose positions received a merit increase in the last quarter of fiscal year 2023; or
- (3) Whose positions are projected for a merit increase in fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased funding for Tribal member assistance programs including emergency assistance, disaster assistance, and funeral assistance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the following budgets for fiscal year 2024:

General Revenue Operation Budget	\$	114,667,239
[Including appropriations totaling \$1,800,000 for		
emergency assistance, disaster assistance, and funeral as	ssistance]	
Tribal Projects, Equipment & Facilities	\$	5,724,225

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize use of funds from the following sources:

Indirect Cost Collections	\$ 26,824,784
Gaming Revenues	\$ 65,000,000
General Fund Non-Gaming Revenue	\$ 7,191,631
Health Center Lease, Interest & Income	\$ 4,105,671

Prior Year Funding	\$ 4,100,000
Choctaw Gaming Commission Fees & Charges	\$ 3,543,384
Other Program Income	\$ 9,625,994

And be it further

RESOLVED, that revenues collected in accordance with the Choctaw Tax Code and Gaming Ordinances that are in excess of those needed to fund FY 2024 expenditures for the Choctaw Tax Commission and the Choctaw Gaming Commission will be transferred to the Tribal General Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chief is hereby authorized to move expenditures among approved activities and any increase in the overall budget amount for the General Revenue Operation Budget must receive the prior approval of 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 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 23-121

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGETS FOR CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS, Section I, 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, the Tribe entered into a self-governance compact with the Indian Health Service ("IHS") known as the "Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000", Pub. L. 106-260 (referred to as the "Compact"), which amended Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (the "ISDEAA"), 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MBCI's Choctaw Health Center ("CHC") continues to receive operating funds from IHS under the terms and conditions of the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the CHC continues to negotiate under the parameters of the Compact with IHS' Nashville-Area Office on budget allocations and amendments; and

WHEREAS, the CHC operations generate significant annual income from service charges, third party reimbursements, and earned interest on program revenues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the following budgets for FY 2024:

Indian Health Service Self-Governance Compact	\$ 56,459,592
Health Related Grants Authorized by the Tribe	\$ 4,530,004
General Health Fund	\$ 7,500,000
Medicaid, Medicare & CHIPS Revenue	\$ 15,000,000
Tribal Revenue Fund	\$ 3,525,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to revise Choctaw Health Center's budgets subject to the availability of funds, but to return to the Tribal Council for approval of increases to amounts budgeted for the General Health Fund, Medicaid and Medicare, or Tribal Revenue Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to the continuance, amendment, or extension of IHS funding as budgeted for FY 2024 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 26th day of September, 2023; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief