

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-001(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

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 §22-2-8 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 five 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 the increases in blood degree and name changes for five MBCI Tribal members 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-002(B)

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND BOTH THE NUMBER OF NEWLY ENROLLED MBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE TOTAL MBCI TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP REPORTED IN RESOLUTION 24-097(B)

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, on July 9, 2024, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 24-097(B), which enrolled new MBCI Tribal members and reported the total MBCI Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, Resolution CHO 24-097(B) incorrectly reported both the number of newly enrolled MBCI Tribal members and the total MBCI Tribal membership; and

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby amend the last four paragraphs of Resolution CHO 24-097(B) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee is recommending that the Tribal Council enroll 4540 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 ~~11,063~~11,058 enrolled members of MBCI; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby enroll the 4540 persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, beginning with the name L. Amos and ending with E. Wilson; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the assignment of roll numbers to all 4540 persons 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-003(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 33 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 11,066 enrolled members of MBCI; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby enroll the 33 persons specified in the document attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, beginning with the name K. Allen and ending with A. Willis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the assignment of roll numbers to all 33 persons 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-004(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LAND USE PERMIT FOR D. CHICKAWAY IN THE
CONEHATTA COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, 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 7, 2017, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 17-038, which established the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council amended the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations through adoption of Resolution CHO 19-039; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations were 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 Dameon Chickaway has applied for a residential lease of the land shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, but has not yet gathered all of the documents required to obtain a lease; and

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations provides that the Tribal Council can authorize issuance of one-year land use permits without having all of the documents required to obtain a lease; 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 Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 implementation of the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit "B" 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 Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:

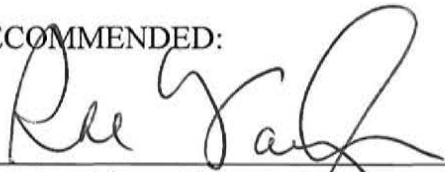


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:



Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

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Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-005(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LAND USE PERMIT FOR N. THOMPSON IN THE
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, 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 7, 2017, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 17-038, which established the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council amended the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations through adoption of Resolution CHO 19-039; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations were 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 Nashima Thompson has applied for a residential lease of the land shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, but has not yet gathered all of the documents required to obtain a lease; and

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations provides that the Tribal Council can authorize issuance of one-year land use permits without having all of the documents required to obtain a lease; 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 Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 implementation of the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit "B" 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 Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

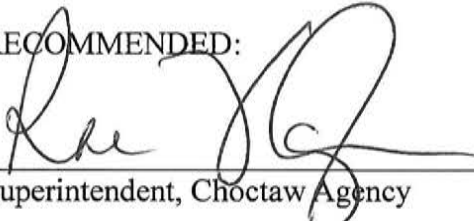
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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:


Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

10/9/24

Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-006(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LAND USE PERMIT FOR V. EPTING IN THE
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, 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 7, 2017, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 17-038, which established the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council amended the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations through adoption of Resolution CHO 19-039; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations were 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 Veronica Epting has applied for a Land Use Permit for agricultural use in the Pearl River Community on the land shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, but has not yet gathered all of the documents required to obtain a lease; and

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations provides that the Tribal Council can authorize issuance of one-year land use permits without having all of the documents required to obtain a lease; 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 Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 implementation of the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit "B" 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 Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

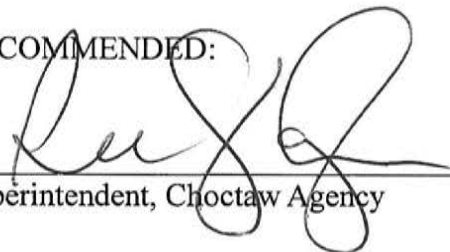
ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:


Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

10/9/24

Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-007(B)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LAND USE PERMIT FOR B. AND E. FARMER IN THE
TUCKER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, 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 7, 2017, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 17-038, which established the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council amended the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations through adoption of Resolution CHO 19-039; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations were 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 members Bill and Erin Farmer have applied for a residential lease of the land shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, but have not yet gathered all of the documents required to obtain a lease; and

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the Tribe’s HEARTH Act Leasing Regulations provides that the Tribal Council can authorize issuance of one-year land use permits without having all of the documents required to obtain a lease; 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 Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; 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 implementation of the Land Use Permit attached hereto as Exhibit "B" 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 Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

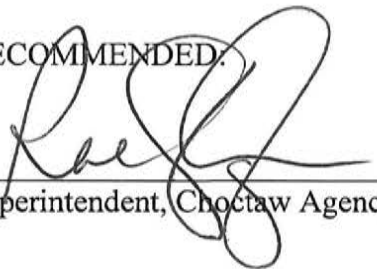
ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:


Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

10/9/24

Date

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-008

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A SITE FOR A NEW DAY CARE FACILITY IN THE
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (b) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (“MBCI” or the “Tribe”) empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in land, tribal funds, or other tribal assets; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1980, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 96-80, which authorized an application for a grant to fund construction of a day care facility in the Pearl River Community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council amended Resolution CHO 96-80 through adoption of Resolution CHO 165-80; and

WHEREAS, April 14, 1981, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 100-81(A), which first authorized a contract to fund operation of the day care facility in the Pearl River Community; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1983, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-84(A), which established an “Early Schooling” department; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1991, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 121-91, which replaced the “Early Schooling” department with the “Division of Early Childhood Education”; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2012, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 13-014, which replaced the “Division of Early Childhood Education” with the “Department of Early Childhood”; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Early Childhood is proposing that the MBCI Reservation lands shown on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit “A” be set aside for a new day care facility; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority to dedicate MBCI Reservation lands to a public use without the need for Bureau of Indian Affairs approval since such dedications are not considered leases for the purposes of federal laws and regulations which govern leases of reservation lands; and

WHEREAS, a new day care facility is a public use for which MBCI Reservations lands can be dedicated; 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 designate the MBCI Reservation lands shown on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the site of a new day care facility; 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 developing a new day care facility on the MBCI Reservation lands shown on the diagram 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, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-009

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS' CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2024 SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service ("IHS") has announced (as attached) that funds will be made available through the FY 2024 Small Ambulatory Program ("SAP") authorized under the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*, Title III, Sec. 306, P.L. 94-437 (as amended) and codified at 25 U.S.C. Chap. 18, Subch. III, Sec. 1636; and

WHEREAS, the SAP grant is available on a competitive basis for application by federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations for the purposes of construction, expansion, and modernization of small ambulatory care facilities as defined in the Sec. 1636 which service American Indian/Alaska Natives and are operated under a health care services contract or compact entered under the *Indian Self-Determination and Educaiton Assistance Act* ("ISDEAA"), P.L. 93-638; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Health Center ("CHC") has developed a plan to construct a stand-alone emergency medical services ("EMS") building to relocate CHC's emergency medical technicians and paramedics, their equipment, and ambulances on the CHC campus; and

WHEREAS, the new EMS building will accommodate the growth of EMS' services and staffing, including training areas, additional bays for ambulances, work areas, and storage for equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe can benefit greatly from additional, external resources to construct the new EMS building; and

WHEREAS, this Federal grant opportunity does not require any cost sharing or non-Federal, Tribal matching; and

WHEREAS, IHS will be responsible for 100% of the NEPA compliance costs for all SAP projects; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is applying for the maximum award will not exceed \$3,500,000, and the deadline to apply is November 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the total amount of \$3.5 million will be applied to the total anticipated construction costs of \$8.1 million, as estimated in the attached project design estimate, with the balance being funded from CHC's Medicaid/Medicare Fund which will be available at the time the SAP contract is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and CHC are authorized to enter into a Pub. L. 93-638 construction contract for the administration, planning, design, and/or construction of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, CHC's Governing Board and the Health Committee have 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:

- 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 Standing 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 with 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 the FY 2024 Small Ambulatory Program grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service; 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 SAP grant, without further Council action.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of

October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-010

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS' CHOCTAW LOAN PROGRAM TO APPLY FOR THE HOME ELECTRIFICATION AND APPLIANCE REBATES PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, OFFICE OF STATE AND COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

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, 42 U.S.C. §18795a appropriates \$225 million to the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") for the purpose of awarding formula grants to Indian Tribes to develop and implement high-efficiency home rebate programs; and

WHEREAS, DOE's Office of State and Community Energy Programs ("SCEP") is administering the \$225 million allocated by Congress through the Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding received through SCEP's Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program will be used for appliance upgrades that will lower utility bills and reduce indoor air pollution in low- and moderate-income Tribal households; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of 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 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 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). MBCI has not engaged any outside lobbyist to engage in any activity regarding this grant which would require reporting under any of the referenced statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to apply for the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of State and Community Energy Programs and renew subsequent applications subject to the availability of grant funds; 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 Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of State and Community Energy Programs 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 Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-011

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRIBAL ELECTION
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Title XXXIII of the Choctaw Tribal Code is known as the Choctaw Tribal Election Code and it outlines the rules governing Tribal elections, including the appointment of persons to the Tribal Election Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section §33-4-1(3) provides that, as staggered terms established prior to the adoption of Title XXXIII expire, new appointments to fill those expired terms should be made; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2020, the Tribal Council approved Resolution CHO 21-028 which confirmed the appointments of: (1) Berdie John, Chairperson; (2) Wanda McMillan, Member; and (3) Gary Williamson, Alternate to the Tribal Election Committee for a term expiring October 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief recommends the reappointment of Berdie John as Chairperson, Wanda McMillan as a Member, and Gary Williamson as an Alternate member to the Tribal Election Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the reappointment of Berdie John as Chairperson, Wanda McMillan as a Member and Gary Williamson as an Alternate member to the Tribal Election Committee with a term expiring on October 10, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these appointments are four (4) year terms and end on the expiration date or until a successor has been duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 16 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-012

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHOCTAW GAMING
COMMISSION

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 19-059 confirmed the appointment of Bea Carson to serve as Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission and confirmed the appointment of Glendale Willis as Associate Commissioner of the Choctaw Gaming Commission, both for a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief does hereby nominate Gilbert Thompson to serve as Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission and Elaina Fielder to serve as Associate Commissioner of the Choctaw Gaming Commission; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the appointment of Gilbert Thompson as Chairman of the Choctaw Gaming Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the appointment of Elaina Fielder as Associate Commissioner of the Choctaw Gaming Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2028; and be it further

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

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 16 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 10 members in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-013

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AN APPOINTMENT TO CHOCTAW AMERICAN
INSURANCE, INC.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. §476); and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, David W. Anderson, approved the charter of the Choctaw American Insurance, Inc. on September 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 21-115 confirmed the appointment of Nikki Comby to serve as a Board of Director for the Choctaw American Insurance, Inc., for a two-year term expiring on July 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ben reappoints Nikki Comby to serve as a Board of Director for the Choctaw American Insurance, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Comby meets all the qualifications as outlined in Article XI (F) of the Federal Charter of Choctaw American Insurance, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Nikki Comby as a Board of Director for the Choctaw American Insurance, Inc., for a two-year term expiring on October 8, 2026; and be it further

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

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-014

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CHOCTAW RESIDENTIAL
CENTER ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Residential Center Enterprise was established by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in 1985 and is now a fully owned Tribal Enterprise governed by Ordinance 56; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 56 established a seven-member Board of Directors for the enterprise consisting of the Tribal Chief, Vice-Chief, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman of the Health Committee and three members nominated by the Tribal Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 19-003 confirmed the reappointment of James D. Wallace to a term ending October 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cyrus Ben has nominated Dr. Christina Wallace to a term ending in October 2028; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Christina Wallace to the Choctaw Residential Center Enterprise Board of Directors to a term ending in October 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED; that the appointment shall become effective upon the adoption of this Resolution and said persons shall hold office until his or her successor is duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

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 member, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-015

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AN APPOINTMENT TO THE DRUG PREVENTION
INITIATIVE (DPI) TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council established a Drug Prevention Initiative (“DPI”) Task Force responsible for collecting empirical data from all tribal agencies and programs in order to combat the ongoing proliferation of drugs, drug trafficking, substance disorders and drug dependency that have plagued all facets of Tribal life; and

WHEREAS, the DPI Task Force should be composed of members from various backgrounds or disciplines who live or work on the reservation and who have specialized knowledge to assist in the goals of the DPI Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution CHO 22-010 confirmed the Chairperson and members of the DPI Task Force; and

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy position to the DPI Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ben has nominated DeLaura Saunders to fill the vacancy position and serve as a member of the DPI Task Force; now therefore be it


RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the appointment of DeLaura Saunders as a member to the Drug Prevention Initiative Task Force.

CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-016

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 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 (CCF) 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 CCF; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council expanded the scope of the CCF to include Tribal Government programs that benefit Tribal elders and other needy members of the Tribe through adoption of Resolution CHO 56-88; and

WHEREAS, the CCF Coordinator is reaching out annually to vendors and to the general public in an effort to increase CCF fiscal resources for the benefit of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorizes the CCF Coordinator to allocate any additional funds raised from vendor and general public donations to the Choctaw Community Fund without further Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Budget & Finance 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 Choctaw Community Fund Budget for 2025 in the amount of **\$82,635**.

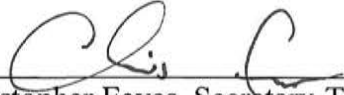
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 15 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this 8th day of October, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 15 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer