RESOLUTION CHO 24-106

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 5, 2024**, 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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-107

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGETS FOR THE CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER

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, 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 2025:

Indian Health Service Self-Governance Compact	\$ 59,400,120
Health Related Grants Authorized by the Tribe	\$ 4,171,661
General Health Fund	\$ 7,500,000
Medicaid and Medicare Fund	\$ 15,000,000
Tribal Revenue Fund	\$ 3,525,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Choctaw Health Center will implement a cost-of-living increase for Choctaw Health Center employees in accordance with an approved Tribal Council Resolution for a Fiscal Year 2025 Cost of Living for Tribal Government Employees; 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 2025 without further Council action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to transfer unspent funds budgeted for facility improvements, repairs, and capital expansions in FY2024 and subsequent fiscal periods to a Health Department Capital Fund.

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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-108

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGETS FOR TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAMS, AGENCIES AND OPERATIONS

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 general revenue budgets have been prepared by the Tribal Chief and reviewed in a series of meetings involving the Tribal Council, the tribal administration, divisions, departments and programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the following budgets for fiscal year 2025:

General Revenue Operating Budget	\$ 116,563,585
Tribal Projects and Facilities	\$ 7,870,694

And be it further

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

Gaming Revenue	\$ 55,000,000
Section 105(L) Lease	\$ 28,800,000
General Fund Non-Gaming Revenue	\$ 6,292,069
Choctaw Health Center	\$ 3,525,000
Choctaw Gaming Commission	\$ 6,135,007
Indirect Cost Collections	\$ 19,652,956
Program Income	\$ 5,029,247

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 2025 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; however, any increase in the overall budget amount for the General Revenue 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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-109

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (f) of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to appropriate available tribal funds for the benefit of the tribe or of any its communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief and Tribal Council desire to provide a Cost of Living increase for eligible Tribal Government employees of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and

WHEREAS, a three percent (3%) Cost of Living increase has been allocated in Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for all regular full-time and regular part-time Tribal Government employees receiving annual compensation of \$40,000 and less; and

WHEREAS, a two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase has been allocated in Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for all regular full-time and regular part-time Tribal Government employees receiving annual compensation of \$40,001 - \$82,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, a one percent (1%) Cost of Living increase has been allocated in Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for all regular full-time and regular part-time Tribal Government employees receiving annual compensation of \$82,001 - \$99,999 a year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that eligible employees include Tribal Government employees who are participating in the Tribe's Employee Benefits Program as of October 1, 2024, and who continue employment through January 5, 2025. Those employees who are not eligible are:

- 1. Employees whose position received a merit increase in the last quarter of fiscal year 2024; and
- 2. Employees whose position is projected for a merit increase in fiscal year 2025; and
- 3. Employees who are covered by an approved compensation or pay plan, provided that employees at the maximum grade or rate schedule due to length in service will still be entitled to the Cost of Living increase;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve a three percent (3%) Cost of Living increase for employees receiving annual compensation of \$40,000 and less to be effective October 1, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve a two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase for employees receiving annual compensation of \$40,001-\$82,000 to be effective October 1, 2024; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve a one percent (1%) Cost of Living increase for employees receiving annual compensation of \$82,001-\$99,999 to be effective October 1, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the Cost of Living increase for eligible Non-Education Pay Scale employees within the Department of Schools effective July 1, 2024.

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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-110

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL WILDLIFE PROCLAMATION

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 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 XXII of the Choctaw Tribal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended Title X of the Choctaw Tribal Code (hereinafter "Hunting and Fishing Code") through enactment of Ordinance No. 21; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 1976, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 106-76, which first authorized a self-determination contract to fund operation of an MBCI wildlife and parks program (now known as "Choctaw Wildlife & Parks"); and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2003, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 03-125, which established an MBCI Department of Public Safety that includes Choctaw Wildlife & Parks; and

WHEREAS, section §10-3-1 of the Hunting and Fishing Code provides that the Tribal Council must adopt an annual proclamation governing the dates, places, means, or manner of taking wildlife or any limitations thereon; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Wildlife & Parks is recommending that the Tribal Council adopt the annual Wildlife Proclamation attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation 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 adopt the annual Wildlife Proclamation attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annual Wildlife Proclamation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" will be effective immediately upon adoption 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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of

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September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-111(B)

A RESOLUTION TO ACQUIRE ± 61 ACRES IN LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND TO TRANSFER FEE TITLE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

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

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

WHEREAS, MBCI Reservation lands in the Standing Pine community adjoin \pm 61 acres of privately-owned land, a description of which can be found in Deed Book 274, page 543-544 of the records in the office of the Leake County Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, additional MBCI Reservation lands are needed to promote Tribal Self-Determination by providing opportunities for future development that will accommodate MBCI's growing population; 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 authorize the Tribal Chief to purchase the above-referenced parcel of privately-owned land on behalf of the Tribe for a price not to exceed \$187,000, exclusive of closing costs; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to transferring the above-referenced parcel of land to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe.

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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of

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September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:

Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

Date

RESOLUTION CHO 24-112(B)

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2010, the Tribal Council adopted Resolutions CHO 10-055 and CHO 10-056, which authorized acquisition of Nanih Waiya Mound and Nanih Waiya Cave and the transfer of those two sites to the United States of America in trust for MBCI; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authorized additional land acquisitions in the vicinity of the Nanih Waiya Mound and Nanih Waiya Cave through enactment of Resolutions CHO 10-065, CHO 14-064(B), CHO 20-036(B), CHO 24-064(B), and CHO 24-065(B); and

WHEREAS, MBCI Reservation lands in the vicinity of Nanih Waiya Mound and Nanih Waiya Cave adjoin \pm 80 acres of privately-owned land, a description of which can be found in Deed Book 396, page 394 of the records in the office of the Winston County Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, additional MBCI Reservation lands are needed in the vicinity of Nanih Waiya Mound and Nanih Waiya Cave to further protect those sacred sites and conserve the natural resources of the surrounding area; 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 authorize the Tribal Chief to purchase the above-referenced parcel of privately-owned land on behalf of the Tribe for a price not to exceed \$120,000, exclusive of closing costs; and be it further

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

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RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to sign any additional documents, forms, or contracts directly related to transferring the above-referenced parcel of land to the United States of America in trust for the Tribe.

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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

RECOMMENDED:

Superintendent, Choctaw Agency

Date

RESOLUTION CHO 24-113

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A SITE IN THE PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY FOR A RECYCLING FACILITY

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 June 17, 1994, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 190-94, which authorized establishment of MBCI's Office of Environmental Protection ("OEP"); and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2001, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-162, which set aside three acres in the Pearl River Community for a recycling facility; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 14-074, which authorized the Tribal Chief to apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") grant funding that supports the objectives of OEP on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, OEP has received EPA grant funding to build a new recycling facility in the Pearl River Community; 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 recycling facility is a public use for which MBCI Reservation 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 and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for a recycling facility; 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 establishment of a recycling facility on the site shown and described 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, 14 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-114

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF MOBILE HOMES ADMINISTERED BY CHOCTAW LOAN PROGRAM AND TO DESIGNATE SITES IN THE CRYSTAL RIDGE COMMUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS BY CHOCTAW HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 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 16, 1978, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 16-78, which first established procurement policies for the MBCI Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1990, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-91, which replaced the aforementioned procurement policies with "Revised Procurement Policies"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Revised Procurement Policies through adoption of Resolutions CHO 197-98, CHO 12-098, CHO 13-015, and CHO 22-053; 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 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 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, Section XIII of the Revised Procurement Policies provides that a Tribal Council Resolution is required to dispose of Tribal property that is no longer needed by MBCI Tribal government programs; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Loan Program has determined that the mobile homes located on the MBCI Reservation lands shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are no longer of value to Choctaw Loan Program because of excessive maintenance costs; 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, Choctaw Loan Program and Choctaw Housing Authority are recommending that the MBCI Reservation lands shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" be designated for the development, maintenance, and administration of single-family housing units by Choctaw Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, development, maintenance, and administration of housing units by Choctaw Housing Authority is a public use for which MBCI Reservation 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 authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to dispose of the mobile homes located on the MBCI Reservation lands shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" by donation to Choctaw Housing Authority, provided that Choctaw Housing Authority assumes the cost of demolishing those mobile homes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby designate the MBCI Reservation lands shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for development, maintenance, and administration of single-family housing units by Choctaw Housing Authority; 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 disposing of the mobile homes located on the MBCI Reservation lands shown and described on the diagram attached hereto as Exhibit "A" by donation to Choctaw Housing Authority and the development, maintenance, and administration of single-family housing units on the those MBCI Reservation lands by Choctaw Housing Authority 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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of

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September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION CHO 24-115

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF THE REMNANTS OF A HOUSE

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 October 11, 1967, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 16-69, which authorized construction of 35 houses by Choctaw Housing Authority, including the formerly intact house located at 118 Bell Drive in the Pearl River Community, provided that the individual house sites would be leased for a period of 25 years with a guaranteed option of an additional 25-year period; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 1978, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 16-78, which first established procurement policies for MBCI's Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1990, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-91, which replaced MBCI's procurement policies with "Revised Procurement Policies"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has amended the Revised Procurement Policies through adoption of Resolutions CHO 197-98, CHO 12-098, CHO 13-015, and CHO 22-053; and

WHEREAS, no lease was ever executed to encumber the MBCI Reservation lands located at 118 Bell Drive after the presumed 50-year lease expired in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Section XIII of the Revised Procurement Policies provides that a Tribal Council Resolution is required to dispose of tribal property that is no longer needed by MBCI Tribal government programs; and

WHEREAS, MBCI's Real Estate Program has determined that the remnants of the house located at 118 Bell Drive in the Pearl River Community are no longer of value to any MBCI Tribal government program since those remnants are hazardous to trespassers and have an unsightly appearance that diminishes the value of other houses in the neighborhood; 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 authorize demolition of the remnants of the house located at 118 Bell Drive in the Pearl River Community, provided that the demolition occurs no earlier than 30 days from the date this Resolution is personally delivered and explained to the occupants of the house; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief or his designee, to sign any documents, forms, or contracts directly related to demolishing of the remnants of the house located at 118 Bell Drive in the Pearl River Community in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Revised Procurement Policies 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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

RESOLUTION 24-116

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights ("OEJECR") under the auspices of the Environmental and Climate Justice Program ("ECJP"), Section 138 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §7438, is offering MBCI an opportunity to transform all of its communities into healthy, climate resilient, and thriving communities for current and future residents; and

WHEREAS, EPA awards grants to help recipients reduce and prevent pollution; to build resilience to climate change and mitigate current and future climate risks; to increase meaningful involvement in government processes related to environmental and climate justice; to expand access to high-quality jobs and economic opportunity through workforce development; and to bolster community strength by ensuring that local residents receive the benefits of investments and have the opportunity to build on them; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Grant program will fund community-driven projects on the Choctaw Indian Reservation that address climate challenge and reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Community Change Grant program has a 36-month period of performance and does not have a non-Federal Tribal match requirement; 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 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 an officially 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 to apply for the Community Change Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and to 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, related to the Tribe's application for the Community Change Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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 Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 24th day of September, 2024; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 14 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief