

TO NAME THE NEW FORESTRY BUILDING THE *SHANE SPARKS FORESTRY BUILDING*

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JENNIFER WOODS INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE naming the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma *the Shane Sparks Forestry Building*.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, “The Tribal Council shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property”;

WHEREAS, the late Shane Sparks was a proud and loyal Choctaw Tribal Member and a vital member of the community. Shane Sparks worked for both the Agriculture Department in the Indian Lease Lands and the Choctaw Nation Forestry Department out of Talihina;

WHEREAS, Shane Sparks is deserving of the recognition and distinction of having the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma named in his honor for his service and dedication as an employee of the Choctaw Nation Forestry Department and for being a true asset to all;

WHEREAS, in appreciation and acknowledgement of Mr. Sparks’ dedication and service, the Tribal Council (the “Council”) of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) has received a petition containing the signatures of seventy-five (75) individuals supporting the naming of the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma as *the Shane Sparks Forestry Building* (See Exhibit A attached); and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to name the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma *the Shane Sparks Forestry Building* to show appreciation and pride in those who go beyond the call and serve the Choctaw Nation Agriculture Department, Forestry Department and the community, as Shane Sparks did for many years.

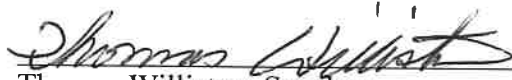
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for naming the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma *the Shane Sparks Forestry Building* and the building shall have its new name affixed above the entrance.

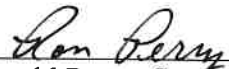
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that Twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 13, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR-23 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7/19/24

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to name the new Forestry building located in Talihina, Oklahoma *the Shane Sparks Forestry Building* in honor of his service and dedication to the Agriculture Department, Forestry Department, Choctaw Nation, and its Tribal Members. Shane Sparks was cherished by many as he served the Nation, its Tribal Members, employees, as well as the community with courage and integrity, and he is very deserving of this honor. Shane Sparks was a proud and loyal Choctaw Tribal Member, he was a vital member of the community, and he was a true asset to all. This Council Resolution meets the Nation's Strategic Goal of protecting and promoting Choctaw Culture and exercising sovereignty by recognizing and honoring Tribal Members that provide their dedication and service to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, its Tribal Members, and the community.

Title of Council Resolution: **TO NAME THE NEW FORESTRY BUILDING THE *SHANE SPARKS FORESTRY BUILDING***

Agency: Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: District 6 Tribal Council Representative Jennifer Woods

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Governance Committee