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TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF HEAD START AND COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDINGS IN BETHEL, OKLAHOMA TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MCCURTAIN COUNTY

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

ANTHONY DILLARD INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AUTHORIZE the Chief of The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") to donate certain unused buildings in Bethel, Oklahoma to the Board of County Commissioners of McCurtain County ("McCurtain County").

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Nation, the Chief shall perform all duties pertaining to the Office of the Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

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

WHEREAS, the Nation owns certain real property improvements in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, known as the "Bethel Head Start and Community Center Buildings" or the "Buildings" located at 3570 Highway 144, Bethel, Oklahoma. The Nation does not own the real property upon which the Buildings are located;

WHEREAS, in addition to the Buildings, the property also contains five (5) storage buildings, three (3) storm shelters, two (2) basketball courts, and one (1) pavilion. The Buildings have been unoccupied for several years and need various repairs;

WHEREAS, the Nation now wishes to donate the Buildings to McCurtain County; and

WHEREAS, the Nation shall convey the Bethel Head Start and Community Center Buildings under the condition that McCurtain County accepts the Buildings as-is with no liability to the Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as authorization for the Chief, or his designee, to donate the Bethel Head Start and Community Center Buildings to the Board of County Commissioners of McCurtain County, in accordance with the Donation Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgment that the Chief, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver, and file any 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 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 <u>eleven</u> (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on April 12, 2025 I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-45 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>eleven</u> (11) members, <u>zero</u> (0) abstaining.

Anthony Dillard Interim Secretary Choctaw Nation Tribal Council Thomas Williston, Speaker Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 4-16-25

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Purpose of Council Bill: To approve the donation of the Bethel Head Start and Community Center Buildings to the Board of County Commissioners of McCurtain County. Donating underutilized or surplus buildings is a strategic move that can significantly reduce operational costs and enhance community resources. By transferring ownership of these properties to community groups, we not only eliminate the financial burden of maintenance and taxes but also foster community development. This act of generosity transforms idle assets into vibrant facilities, thereby maximizing their potential and creating lasting social impact and, ultimately, enriching the lives of those in our communities.

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Request by Project Director: Kelly McKaughan, Senior Executive Officer of Integrated Services, Nick Cody, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance GIS and Utility Authority