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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 33-11**

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST-HAAS

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation has acquired property in Cherokee County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows:

The S2 NE4 SW4 and the South 17.47 acres of Lot 3 and the North 17.45 acres of Lot 4, all in Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 22 East, containing 54.92 acres, more or less, according to the United States Survey, thereof.

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation desires to have said property placed United States of America in Trust for Cherokee Nation. The property is vacant pasture land, lying immediately adjacent to and west of the current Cherokee Casino in Tahlequah. The Casino rests on United States of America in Trust for Cherokee Nation property. The building currently housing the Casino will soon be vacated by the Casino and will become a part of the Sequoyah School system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Chadwick Smith, and/or his authorized designee(s) be authorized to request the Secretary of the Interior to place said tract of land United States of America in Trust for Cherokee Nation in accordance with Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and procedure for the acquisition of land.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11th day of April, 2011, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

> Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Don Garvin, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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| Chadwick Smit<br>Cherokee Natio | h, Principal Chief |

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State Cherokee Nation

# **ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE** Signature/Initial Date **Group Leader:** Signature/Initial Date Finance (if needed): Signature/Initial Date **Government Resources: Administration Approval:** Signature/Initial Date LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE: Legal & Legislative Coordinator: Standing Committee & Date: Chairperson: Signature/Initial Date Returned to Presenter: Date

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

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| RESOLU   | JTION PRESENT | ER:  | Linda Donelson |  |
| Bill John Baker and COUNCIL SPONSOR: Tina Glory Jordan |               |      |                |  |

### NARRATIVE:

The purpose of this resolution is authorization of a Fee to Trust Acquisition Application on the property referred to as HAAS in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, containing 54.92 acres more or less. Located West of the Sequoyah Schools Campus, the property is adjacent to land owned United States of America in Trust for Cherokee Nation. It is currently leased for agriculture use.