

An Act

Legislative Act 12-26

AN ACT RELATING TO THE NAMING OF THE CHEROKEE IMMERSION MIDDLE SCHOOL AS ᏆᏍᏍᏓᏁᏍᏗ ᏆᏆᏔᏔ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ (TSUNADELOQUASDI GALIQUOGI NIDUYUGDV)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

Section 1. Title and Codification

This Act shall be known as the “ᏆᏍᏍᏓᏁᏍᏗ ᏆᏆᏔᏔ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ (Tsunadeloquasdi Galiquogi Niduyugdv), School of Seven Directions, Naming Act of 2026.”

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to provide a name designation for the Cherokee Immersion Middle School located at 16345 Hwy 62, Tahlequah, OK, further defined by the legal description in Exhibit A. The building shall be known in the Cherokee language as the “School of Seven Directions.” This building should henceforth be known legally and informally as ᏆᏍᏍᏓᏁᏍᏗ ᏆᏆᏔᏔ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ (Tsunadeloquasdi Galiquogi Niduyugodv).

Section 3. Legislative History

[LA 18-11, Title 61 C.N.C.A. §1, Et Seq., Building and Naming Act of 2011](#)

[LA 47-21, The Comprehensive Building Naming Act of 2021](#)

[LA 51-21, An Act Amending The Comprehensive Building Naming Act of 2021](#)

Section 4. Substantive Provisions

- A. The Building and Facility Naming Act of 2011, Title 61 C.N.C.A. §1, *et seq.*, requires that the names of Cherokee Nation buildings may only be designated or redesignated by Act of the Council of the Cherokee Nation.
- B. This building shall serve as a dedicated space for students to engage and be immersed in the Cherokee language and culture. As such, it is to be named in a manner that reflects the Cherokee Nation’s commitment to language preservation and honors Cherokee cultural values.
- C. The Cherokee Immersion Middle School shall be known and referred to as ᏆᏍᏍᏓᏁᏍᏗ ᏆᏆᏔᏔ ᏁᏍᏁᏍᏗ (Tsunadeloquasdi Galiquogi Niduyugodv) “School of Seven Directions.”

Section 5. Provisions as cumulative

The provisions of this Act shall be cumulative to existing law.

Section 6. Severability

The provisions of this Act are severable and if any part of provision hereof shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this Act.


Section 7. Effective Date

The provisions of this Act shall become thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Section 8. Self-Help Contribution


To the extent that this Act involves programs or services to citizens of the Cherokee Nation or others, self-help contributions shall be required, unless specifically prohibited by the funding agency, or a waiver is granted due to physical or mental incapacity of the participant to contribute.

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 9th day of March, 2026



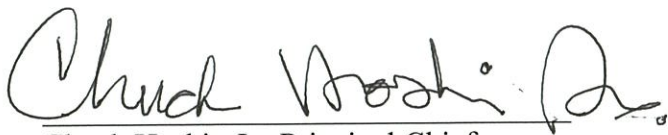
Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Joshua Sam, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 11th day of March, 2026



Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Sasha Blackfox-Qualls	<u>Yea</u>	Melvina Shotpouch	<u>Yea</u>
Candessa Tehee	<u>Yea</u>	Kendra McGeady	<u>Yea</u>
Lisa Hall	<u>Yea</u>	Dora Patzkowski	<u>Yea</u>
Uriah Grass	<u>Yea</u>	Joe Deere	<u>Absent</u>
Ashley Grant	<u>Yea</u>	Kevin Easley, Jr.	<u>Yea</u>
Daryl Legg	<u>Yea</u>	Danny Callison	<u>Yea</u>
Joshua Sam	<u>Yea</u>	Johnny Jack Kidwell	<u>Yea</u>
Codey Poindexter	<u>Yea</u>	Julia Coates	<u>Yea</u>
Clifton Hughes	<u>Yea</u>		

EXHIBIT A

A tract of land in the E2 NW4 NE4 SW4 and in the W2 NE4 NE4 SW4 of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 22 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Cherokee County, State of Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of said Section 19; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 1484.59 feet to the Northwest Corner of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4; Thence S0°01'49"E, along the West boundary of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4, a distance of 86.7 feet to the POINT of BEGINNING, being on the Southerly boundary of U.S. Highway No. 62; Thence S85°20'18"E, along the Southerly boundary of the U.S. Highway No. 62, a distance of 40.68 feet; Thence N82°25'48"E, a distance of 301.75 feet; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 20.11 feet; Thence leaving the U.S. Highway Right-of-Way, S00°02'43"E, a distance 283.00 feet; Thence S89°57'29"E, a distance of 150.00 feet; Thence S0°02'43"E, a distance of 327.74 feet to a point on the South boundary of said W2 NE4 NE4 SW4; Thence N89°59'15"W, a distance of 510.04 feet to the Southwest Corner of said E2 NW4 NE4 SW4; Thence N0°01'25"W, a distance of 574.30 feet to the POINT of BEGINNING.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act Resolution

Dept/Program:

TITLE:

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(TSUNADELOQUASDI
GALIQUEOGI NIDUYUGDV)**

Signature/Initial Date

Executive Director:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Canaan Duncan

Signature/Initial Date

**Treasurer (Required:
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):**

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Candessa Tehee, Julia Coates, Melvina Shotpouch, Codey Pointdexter, Lisa Hall, Johnny Jack Kidwell, Sasha Black-box-Qualls

NARRATIVE:

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Signature/Initial Date

Government Relations:

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:



1/28/25

Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

S. Coates 1/28/26

Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Education 2/9/26

Chairperson:

Tehee

Signature/Initial Date