



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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 Health Services completed a 15-year long range health plan in the year 2001, which was presented to the Principal Chief and the Council of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, this long range plan addressed the expansion of health services at Sallisaw, Salina, Jay and Nowata; to construct replacement facilities at Nowata, Muskogee, and Jay; and to establish two nurse practitioner clinics in Vinita and Bartlesville to reduce the distance to quality health care facilities;

WHEREAS, the long range health plan was updated during 2005-2006 by conducting a joint comprehensive planning exercise with W.W. Hastings Hospital, which was operated by the Indian Health Service, identifying specific facility needs for the W.W. Hastings and adjoining site;

WHEREAS, while substantial portions of the plan have been completed, critical facility needs still exist and the pending operation of the W.W. Hastings facility by the Nation presents the opportunity to renew support and commitment to the overall long range health plan.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation strongly supports and endorses the 2001 Long Range Health Plan, which was updated in 2006, containing the specific health capital improvements needed to raise the quantity and quality of health care for Cherokee citizens.