

Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CHEROKEE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF) FUNDED GRANT TO EXPAND DRUG TREATMENT CAPACITY TO IMPROVE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of selfgovernment 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, the Cherokee Nation recognizes the needs of children and families who are affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse by a parent;

WHEREAS, the need of such citizens to receive treatment that allows families to recover from substance abuse is underserved in tribal or community-based treatment programs;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Services and Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare wish to expand capacity for intensive outpatient treatment for methamphetamine and other substance abuse that will improve permanency outcomes for children and families;

WHEREAS, if selected for funding, the Cherokee Nation will be awarded a grant for \$2,500,000 with a matching fund requirement of \$593,000 over the course of five years, including through in-kind.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation authorizes Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Services and Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare to submit a formal application to the Administration for Children and Families for a Targeted Grant to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse and that the Principal Chief (or his designee) is authorized to negotiate and execute all official documents in this regard.