



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
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Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FIVE TRACTS OF DAY SCHOOL LAND IN FEE

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 authorizes the acceptance in Fee for Cherokee Nation of five tracts of land identified as former Day Schools lying within Cherokee Nation. The Day Schools are Cave Springs School in Cherokee County, Oak Hill School (Piney) in Delaware County, Ballou School in Mayes County, Mulberry Hollow School in Adair County and Redbird Smith School in Sequoyah County. These five Day School properties are determined by Eastern Oklahoma Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, to be eligible for transfer to Cherokee Nation in fee status. The former day school properties are further described as follows:

Indian Meridian, Oklahoma

Township 15 North, Range 23 East,
Section 35, NE4 SW4 SW4.

Township 22 North, Range 24 East,
Section 15, NE4 SE4 SW4.

Township 19 North, Range 20 East,
Section 16, SE4 NE4 NW4.

Township 16 North, Range 24 East,

Section 13, That part of Section 13 beginning at the section corner between Sections 13, 18, 19, and 24, thence due north along the sixth Guide Meridian 800 feet; thence north 8° 38' west 626 feet; thence due south 800 feet; thence south 89° 38' east; along the section line 626 feet to the point of beginning and that part of section 18, Township 16 North, Range 25 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the section corner between Section 13, 18, 19, and 24, thence due north along the sixth Guide Meridian 800 feet; thence north 89° 53' east 394 feet; thence due south 800 feet to the section line, thence south 89° 53' west along the section line 394 feet to the point of beginning.

Township 13 North, Range 22 East,
Section 30, SW4 SE4.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United States of America is formally requested to transfer the Five Day Schools, as identified, to Cherokee Nation, in fee status.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief of Cherokee Nation, Bill John Baker, and/or his authorized designee(s) be authorized to accept from the Secretary of the Interior said tracts of land in Fee for Cherokee Nation in accordance with Bureau of Indian Affairs policy and procedure for the acquisition of land.