



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE JAY HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESERVE

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation (“Nation”) since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

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

WHEREAS, the Nation has exclusive tribal jurisdiction over the Cherokee Nation Reservation, the geographic scope of which is defined in federal and Cherokee Nation law.

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation owns certain real property located at 693 W Cherokee Jay, Oklahoma 74346, and more specifically described as follows:

A tract of land located in part of the SE SE SW of Section 36, Township 23 North, Range 23 East, Delaware County Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the SE corner of the SE SE SW, thence North 608.00 feet; thence West 358.75; thence South 608.00 feet; thence East 30.00 feet; thence North 200.00 feet; thence East 219.75 feet; thence South 200.00 feet; thence East 109.00 feet to the point of beginning, less the South 300.00 feet thereof, taken for Cherokee Avenue on the Town of Jay, Oklahoma.

And Lots 1 thru 18 Block 59 in the Creekmore Addition to the Town of Jay, Oklahoma.

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WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation has made funds available to support community wellness infrastructure that can include public recreation, community centers, housing and adjacent assets to support health and safety under the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act (HJSCA) and the Public Health and Wellness Fund Act (PHWFA);

WHEREAS, HJSCA and PHWFA authorized the Principal Chief to administer funds authorized and appropriated under those Acts for the purposes and policies of those Acts;

WHEREAS, the Council finds it to be the highest and best use of the Jay property described above for public health and wellness infrastructure, community facility and / or housing;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation reserves the Jay property described herein as a “Housing, Community and Public Health and Wellness Reserve” consistent with this resolution, HJSCA and PHWFA for a period of seven (7) years following approval of this resolution, encouraging development of the property to those purposes;

WHEREAS, the Principal Chief shall provide the Council with periodic updates as to the development plans for the Jay property, no less than once per fiscal year;

WHEREAS, nothing herein reduces the authority of the Council, including its authority to appropriate funds, provide oversight of executive branch functions and to name property and facilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Cherokee Nation declares property described herein in Jay as the “Jay Housing, Community and Public Health and Wellness Reserve,” with the Council retaining relevant authority and the Principal Chief providing updates on the development of the property no less than annually.