## MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

**RESOLUTION CHO 21-006** 

## A RESOLUTION TO AMEND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHOCTAW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BEGINNING WITH THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (k) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Choctaw Tribal Schools' ("CTS") Parent & Student Handbooks are approved annually by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Parent and Student Handbooks were approved on July 14, 2020, outlining graduation requirements for Choctaw Central High School in Section C. *Instructional Program, Graduation*; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Education ("MDE") allows school districts to provide a Mississippi High School Graduation Pathways District Option to graduate from high school with 21 high school units; and

WHEREAS, the MDE pathway/option allows a high school student the opportunity to graduate with 21 credits; and

WHEREAS, the MDE district option to graduate with 21 credits will end at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Schools would like to invoke this graduation option for students who could graduate, beginning this school year, if they complete the required courses (21 units) outlined in the District Pathway Option, along with the additional Tribal-specific graduation requirements of earning a half (.5) credit for Choctaw History; and

WHEREAS, this policy change does not amend any other policy regarding graduation for CTS students; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize a change of the graduation requirements beginning for the 2020-21 school year for Choctaw Central High School and continuing in perpetuity unless changed by this governing body.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Regular Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of

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October, 2020; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2020.

ATTEST:

Cyrus en, Tribal Chief

Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer