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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number – 26-049

**Approval of Application for Funding – U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 6 Grant
Funding opportunity HHS–2010–IHS–NARCHVI–0001, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 93.933.**

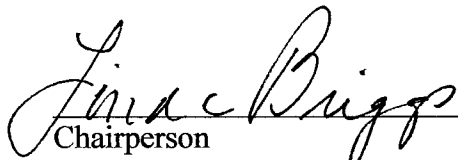
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS), in conjunction with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and other institutes of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced competitive grant applications for Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) in FY 2010, and
- WHEREAS,** application for the NARCH program must be made by federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia, and require collaborations with academic research centers and universities, and
- WHEREAS,** the Chickasaw Nation and the University of Oklahoma are collaborating on an innovative project to build a family resource center for Chickasaw citizens. The CN Family Resource Center will provide training and research opportunities for Chickasaw students and direct services to youth, families and elders. The Chickasaw Nation Family Resource Center will address the need to build research infrastructure within the Chickasaw Nation. The center will: support Chickasaw students through social, cultural and career programming, along with academic opportunities for training in health and social science research; create a research and training environment that supports improving knowledge of best practices; improve the quality and availability of best practice approaches customized to Chickasaw culture; provide ongoing training and support for Chickasaw staff; improve training opportunities and access to research for Native American scientists; and provide direct services and support for Chickasaw youth, families and elders. The family resource center will enable the Chickasaw Nation to develop scientists and health professionals who will support the Nation's commitment to improving the lives of all Chickasaw citizens, and
- WHEREAS,** the Chickasaw Nation has discussed the goals regarding the family resource center with its leadership, employees and citizens through committee meetings, surveys, focus groups, community council meetings and legislative sessions

which have allowed citizen input and feedback sufficient for the Chickasaw Nation to identify the need for approaches to remove barriers to forming lasting families and healthy marriages in Native American communities, and

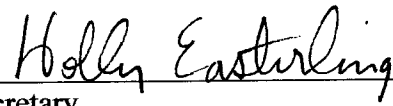
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has an existing Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review, approve and monitor tribal research projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby supports and approves of the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Department of Health and Human Services, for funding through the IHS for the Nation's NARCH application, to be awarded for FY 2010.

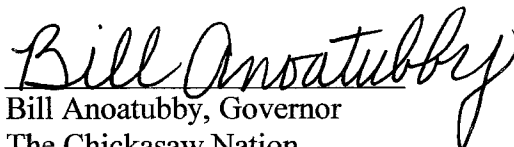
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2009 by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.



Chairperson
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Concur: 

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

Date: JUN 19 2009

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Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for researching, planning, piloting and establishing a family resource center for the Chickasaw Nation through a U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 6 Grant.

Award Information: The grant award amount is up to \$1,100,000 per year, for up to four years.

Methods: The Chickasaw Nation Health Services would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Institutional Review Board, and collaborate with the University of Oklahoma to facilitate and complete such projects.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee