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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**General Resolution Number 27-007**

**Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to Apply for National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant - Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Article VII, Section 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 National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the intent to fund competitive grants to fund the Recovery Act Limited Competition: Building Sustainable Community Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research in FY 2010, and

**WHEREAS,** application for this grant must be made by federally recognized tribes in collaboration with academic research centers and universities, and

**WHEREAS,** the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is partnering with the Chickasaw Nation to administer the Research Infrastructure grant, and

**WHEREAS,** the Chickasaw Nation recognizes that a partnership with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to support the development, expansion and/or reconfiguration of infrastructures needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations such as the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health can improve the lives of Chickasaw citizens, and

**WHEREAS,** this collaboration is designed to accelerate the pace, productivity, dissemination and implementation of health research, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and authorizes the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to apply for the above described NIH research infrastructure grant to be awarded for FY 2010.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on November 20, 2009, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstentions.

Holly Easterling  
Chairperson  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Jinda Biggs  
Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Concur: Bill Anoatubby  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to apply for an NIH grant. This grant is intended to be used to support the development, expansion or reconfiguration of infrastructure needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research. We will be partnering with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Since 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with OUHSC through other grants.

**Award Information:** NIH has designated up to \$30 million in FY 2009-2010 to fund 30 or more grants. The award is limited to a maximum of \$1 million for the full project period.

**Methods:** The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health would leverage these funds to develop infrastructure (personnel, equipment, office space) for a biomedical research department that would create productive and sustainable academic-community research partnerships that can be utilized in the future for efficiently conducting research that includes and is relevant to affected communities, and through which research findings can be disseminated in a manner that maximizes impact on the public health of the Chickasaw people.

**Presented by:** Health Care Committee