RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA, IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF S. 2961, H.R. 3095, and H.R. 672- TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO DESIGNATE SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODES FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Hochatown, located in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, is a growing and vibrant community with a distinct cultural, economic, and demographic identity; and

WHEREAS, S. 2961, H.R. 3095, and H.R. 672, currently under consideration by the United States Congress, seek to direct the United States Postal Service to assign single, unique ZIP Codes to communities that are presently underserved or inaccurately represented in postal designations; and

WHEREAS, Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma is a co-author of S. 2961, and additional cosponsors include Senators Michael Bennet, John Hickenlooper, and Tim Scott; and

WHEREAS, the assignment of a unique ZIP Code for the Town of Hochatown is in the best interest of community preservation, ensuring that the identity and heritage of the town are appropriately recognized and maintained; and

WHEREAS, accurate representation of municipal boundaries is essential for effective local governance, infrastructure planning, and public administration; and

WHEREAS, a unique ZIP Code would help promote fair and equitable tax distribution by ensuring that tax revenues are properly allocated based on accurate geographic and jurisdictional data; and

WHEREAS, the current lack of a unique ZIP Code causes confusion in mail delivery and other essential services, leading to inefficiencies and delays for residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, accurate ZIP Code assignment is crucial for emergency response operations, enabling first responders to locate and assist individuals and properties promptly and effectively; and

WHEREAS, streamlined ZIP Code boundaries support better governance, more efficient service provision, and enhanced civic engagement by providing clarity in jurisdiction and residency; and

WHEREAS, a unique ZIP Code would directly support the economic development and tourism initiatives of Hochatown, strengthening its brand identity, attracting investment, and bolstering local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Hochatown has a unique demographic and economic profile that distinguishes it from neighboring areas, further justifying the need for a distinct postal designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOCEATOWN, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. The Town of Hochatown hereby expresses its strong support for S. 2961, H.R. 3095, and H.R. 672 and urges its prompt consideration and passage by the United States Congress.

SECTION 2. The Town further requests that the United States Postal Service act in accordance with S. 2961, H.R. 3095, and H.R. 672 and assign a unique ZIP Code to the Town of Hochatown to better serve its residents, businesses, and governmental functions.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Oklahoma congressional delegation, the United States Postal Service, and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate the Town's unified support for this important initiative.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Trustees of the Town of Hochatown, Oklahoma this the

5th day of November, 202	25.
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Liz George, Town Attorney



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