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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2016)**

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 410 (2002), Cherokee Code Chapter 130B, the Tribal Council established the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) and approved an independent governing board structure needed to ensure quality professional guidance and management of the Cherokee Indian Hospital; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade the Tribal Council has consistently demonstrated its commitment to improving the health of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, the CIHA wishes to update the ordinance without compromising the five guiding principles which created the CIHA at its inception in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council in Cherokee Code Chapter 130B-2(4)(c), established as a guiding principle that improvement in patient care and health care provider performance must be "free from inappropriate political influence or interference with day-to-day personnel and patient care decisions"; and

WHEREAS, the CIHA Governing Board has assumed oversight and management responsibilities for other tribal health programs since 2003 in an effort to realize more efficient delivery of health care services from tribal resources and to better integrate and develop a more robust continuum of care for enrolled members; and

WHEREAS, after fourteen years it is necessary to revise and update Cherokee Code Chapter 130B to address the changes which have occurred to the health delivery programs in Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, the CIHA Governing Board and management team have consulted with members of Tribal Council over the past months resulting in constructive dialog identifying opportunities to improve Cherokee Code Chapter 130B; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has thoroughly considered and discussed legislative revisions deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure the continued successful operation and functioning of the CIHA; and

WHEREAS, having acted at all times in an open, engaged and thoughtful manner, the CIHA Governing Board respectfully submits the following recommended legislative revisions to Cherokee Code Chapter 130B and requests Tribal Council adopt and approve these same amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Tribal Council hereby adopts, approves and enacts the suggested revisions to Cherokee Code Chapter 130B.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that the revisions to Cherokee Code Chapter 130B shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

SUBMITTED BY:  
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority  
Governing Board