

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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ORDINANCE NO. 56 (2020)

WHEREAS, the Cherokee One Feather is described in tribal law as being designated and recognized as the official publication of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for instruction and information of the Cherokee community, and,

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Code also states that the Cherokee One Feather is a "Tribal Free Press Newspaper" and that the Cherokee One Feather shall be independent from any influence and free of any particular political interest, and it is the duty of the press to report without bias the activities of the Tribe, the tribal government, and any and all news of interest to have informed citizens, and,

WHEREAS, the Editor of the Cherokee One Feather must be free to adhere to the terms of the Cherokee Code without fear of repercussions to his or her livelihood from government officials and/or political influence,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, Cherokee Code 75-57 be amended to add a subsection (e) as follows:

"The position of Cherokee One Feather Editor reports administratively to the Executive Committee. Any termination or transfer action taken against the Editor of the Cherokee One Feather must have the concurrence of the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and a two-thirds majority of the seated Editorial Board."

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians carry out the intent of the resolution, which shall remain in effect until rescinded, and any conflicting laws within the Cherokee Code are superseded by this act once it is ratified.

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Submitted by the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board