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**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina
APR 07 2022**

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 205 (2022)

A resolution to support recognizing Coach Todd Odom as an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians endeavor to build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Tribal nation; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the prosperity of the next seven generations requires leaders and role models, whose lives manifest Cherokee core values and traditional teachings, such as: Honoring the Past, Building Strong Individual Character, and Educating the Children; and

WHEREAS, Coach Todd Odom has dedicated over twenty years of service to developing young student athletes, instilling in each the concepts of responsibility, individual character, honesty, honor, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Coach Odom has provided young members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians opportunities, both on and off the wrestling mat, to develop greater self-efficacy and become better Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, during Coach Odom's time as a history teacher, he made significant contributions to the preservation of Cherokee culture by developing and implementing the first Cherokee History course at Robbinsville High School, which is still in existence; and

WHEREAS, Coach Odom's accomplishments as a nineteen-year head wrestling coach include, but are not limited to:

- 16 Smoky Mountain Conference Dual Team Championships;
- 15 Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament Championships;
- 4-time WNC Coach of the Year;
- 2-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year;
- 2-time North Carolina All-Star Team Coach;
- 2017 National Federation of State High School Associations North Carolina Coach of the Year;
- 7-time Western Regional Team Runner-up;
- 4 Western Regional Championships;
- 3-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Tournament Runner-up;
- 2-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association Dual-Team Runner up;
- North Carolina High School Athletic Association Dual-Team State Championship;
- 21 Individual State Champions, which included 9 enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, even though Coach Odom retired from coaching, he left an impact on the sport of wrestling that changed the lives of enrolled members both at Robbinsville High School and across

1 Western North Carolina; and
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3 WHEREAS, current and former Robbinsville wrestlers, who are enrolled members, have compelled Tribal
4 Leadership to recognize Coach Odom in such an honoring way that is commensurate to his
5 love of Cherokee history, dedication, leadership, and mentoring of student athletes, and
6 service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians wrestlers; and
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8 WHEREAS, Tribal Leadership also desires to formally recognize Coach Odom for his significance in the
9 lives of Tribal members and for his contribution to building a stronger Tribal citizenry.
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11 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in
12 Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
13 does hereby recognize Coach Todd Odom as an honorary member of the Eastern Band of
14 Cherokee Indians for his continued dedication and commitment to the sport of wrestling, the
15 local communities, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
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17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is
18 authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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22 *Submitted by: Richard G. Sneed, Principal Chief and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Tribal Council*
23 *Representative, Adam Wachacha, Tribal Council Representative, Bucky Brown*

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 225 dated APRIL 7, 2022 was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on APRIL 7, 2022 by 100 voting for the act and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Teresa McCoy	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
TW Saunooke	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Bill Taylor	X			
Albert Rose	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Tommye Saunooke	X			
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Richard French

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Michelle Thompson

ENGLISH CLERK

[Signature]

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

VETO UPHeld () VETO DENIED ()

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ()

DATE: 4/19/22

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED ()

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ()

OMITTED ()