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Ordinance No. 14 (2023)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Government serves the entire community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and,

WHEREAS, the community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is entitled to representation on the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board, and,

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Code, Chapter 75, under §52 states that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Free Press shall be independent of any influence and free of any particular political interest, and,

WHEREAS, having the Executive Committee or Tribal Council select members to serve on the Editorial Board could be perceived as a political influence on the board, and,

WHEREAS, the seat on the Editorial Board to be selected by the Tribal Council has remained unfilled since the legislation was enacted in 2019, and,

WHEREAS, the seat on the Editorial Board by the Executive Committee was a member of the Executive Staff, and,

WHEREAS, the Editorial Board seeks to increase community involvement in the policies and procedures guiding the Cherokee One Feather

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians does hereby amend the Cherokee Code as follows;

## Sec. 75-55 – Editorial Board and Editor

- (a) An Editorial Board is hereby created and shall consist of all members of the One Feather Staff, two members appointed from the community at-large by the Community Club Council, two members appointed by the sitting One Feather Editorial Board, as well as ~~one member appointed by the EBCI Executive Committee and one member appointed by the Tribal Council,~~ and a staff member appointed by the Attorney General. ~~The One Feather will provide recommendations for the appointed seats.~~ The appointed members will serve on the Board indefinitely and will only be replaced if they resign their position or are removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the remaining One Feather Editorial Board. ~~after being found in violation of the Society of Professional Journalists Code~~

1 of Ethics or subsection (e) in this section. Appointed Board Members will be replaced  
2 by being appointed by the current body (i.e. EBCI Executive Office or Tribal Council)  
3 that originally appointed the person leaving.  
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5 BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all resolutions and ordinances inconsistent with this  
6 ordinance are rescinded, and this ordinance shall become effective upon ratification by  
7 the Principal Chief  
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10 Submitted by Robert Jumper on behalf of the One Feather Editorial Board  
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