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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2025)

A resolution requesting the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to take certain deeded real property, being approximately 188.36 acres, more or less, owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians adjacent to Camp Creek Road and situated in Qualla Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, into trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribal nation having governmental jurisdiction over its lands that are held in trust by the United States of America for the benefit of the Tribe.

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Tribal Council is the legislative body of the Tribe and is authorized and empowered under § 16 and § 23 of the Tribe's Charter and Governing Document, and Cherokee Code § 47B-1, to direct the management and control of all real property belonging to the Tribe, meaning all real property held by the Tribe or by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of the Interior has authority under 25 USC 5108 and 25 CFR Part 151 to acquire land and hold it in trust for the benefit of Indians including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has acquired title in fee simple to one tract of land adjacent to Camp Creek Road situated in Qualla Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, totaling approximately 188.36 acres, more or less, and the tract is located off reservation lands and is subject to the laws of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the tract in question is part of the aboriginal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the Secretary of the Interior is necessary to facilitate the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' economic development, housing and Tribal self-determination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at which a quorum is present, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to accept the following real property and to place the real property in trust for the benefit of the Tribe:

1 (a) The one tract of land, containing 188.36 acres, more or less, and identified in
2 Exhibit A to that certain deed dated June 28, 2018, from Georgiana Mitchell
3 Carson, Trustee of the Georgianna Mitchell Carson Revocable Trust U/A Dated
4 November 19, 2003, and Alva M. Winchester and husband, Brian Winchester,
5 Grantor, to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Grantee, and recorded in
6 Book 2216, Page 1427-1430, Jackson County, North Carolina Register of
7 Deeds.
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to submit the
10 necessary fee to trust application and supporting documents to the U.S. Secretary
11 of the Interior to have the property described in in this resolution placed into trust
12 with the United States for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and
13 the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents
14 including deed(s) to transfer the property described herein to the United States in
15 trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
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17 BE IT FINALLY Resolved that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are
18 rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the
19 Principal Chief.
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22 *Submitted by Michell Hicks, Principal Chief.*
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