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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, approximately 11.86 acres, more or less, owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and situated in Cheoah Township, Graham 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 three separate tracts of land adjacent to Tallulah Road situated in Cheoah Township, Graham County, North Carolina, totaling approximately 11.86 acres, more or less, and is off reservation lands subject to the laws of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the tracts in question are part of the aboriginal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the Secretary of the Interior is necessary to protect sacred sites or cultural resources and practices of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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:

- (a) The three tracts of land, Tract One containing 10.236 acres, more or less,
Tract Two containing 1.32 acres, more or less, Tract Three containing 0.30

1 acres, more or less, and identified in Exhibit A to that certain deed dated May
2 29, 2015, from Sherry Williams, unmarried, and Ronnie Williams, unmarried,
3 Grantor, to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Grantee, and recorded in
4 Book 346, Page 247-251, Graham County, North Carolina Register of Deeds.
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to submit the
7 necessary fee to trust application and supporting documents to the U.S. Secretary
8 of the Interior to have the property described in in this resolution placed into trust
9 with the United States for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and
10 the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents
11 including deed(s) to transfer the property described herein to the United States in
12 trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
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14 BE IT FINALLY Resolved that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are
15 rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the
16 Principal Chief.
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19 *Submitted by Michell Hicks, Principal Chief.*
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