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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY, NC

Date: DEC 04 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 78 (2025)

*A resolution to exclude Ryan Worthy Patterson from the lands of the  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ("EBCI" or "Tribe") has the sovereign authority to exclude persons from lands of the Eastern Band to protect the integrity, law and order of the lands, and the welfare of Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has codified its authority to exclude persons from the lands of the Eastern Band at Chapter 2 of the Cherokee Code; and

WHEREAS, the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty that is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, RYAN WORTHY PATTERSON (Date of Birth: 05/30/2000) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, but is said to be residing in and around the Qualla Boundary; and

WHEREAS, PATTERSON has a Criminal history of felony possession of narcotics, desertion from the US Army, Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct in other states; and

WHEREAS, PATTERSON most recently, while residing on the Boundary, was arrested for multiple charges of Communicating Threats to Enrolled EBCI members as well as Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated and Disruptive.

WHEREAS, PATTERSON does not appear to have steady income and has been dismissed by several employers in the Boundary. It is believed that Patterson poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council, in Council assembled with a quorum present, and with the number of votes required by Tribal law, RYAN WORTHY PATTERSON is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED from all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and ordered to vacate all tribal lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent exclusion prohibits RYAN WORTHY PATTERSON from entering or being present on Tribal land for any purpose except as required by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if RYAN WORTHY PATTERSON  
2 is found improperly on Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of this  
3 resolution, he shall be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be  
4 taken against him.

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6 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded,  
7 and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal  
8 Chief.

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10 *Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.*


The attached Resolution/Ordinance \_\_\_\_78\_\_ dated DECEMBER 4, 2025\_\_ was:

PASSED ( X )

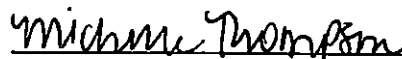
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and ratified in open Council on DECEMBER 4, 2025 by 81 voting for the act  
and 0 members voting against it as follows:

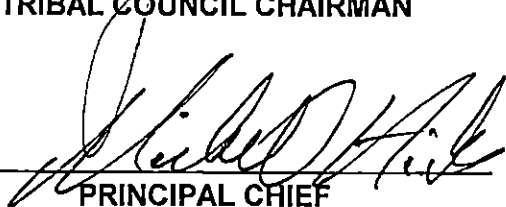
VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lavita Hill	X			
Venita Wolfe	X			
Boyd Owle				X
Michael Smoker	X			
Shennelle Feather	X			
David Wolfe				X
Adam Wachacha	X			
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Shannon Swimmer	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



ENGLISH CLERK



PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ( )

VETO UPHELD ( ) VETO DENIED ( )

DATE: 12-11-25

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 ( )