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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, QUALLA
BOUNDARY, NC

Date: OCT 1 2 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 325 **(2026)**

A resolution to exclude Dana Brent Bryant 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, DANA BRENT BRYANT (Date of Birth: 06/17/1981) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, BRYANT has a lengthy criminal history that includes fraud, drugs, domestic violence, child abuse, breaking and entering, larcenies, stolen property offenses, and weapon offenses.; and

WHEREAS, BRYANT is a convicted felon and has been charged twice with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. One of those was charged by CIPD; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, BRYANT was accused by EBCI employees of pointing a firearm at them while they were assisting an elder on Bigwitch Road by removing a tree on their property.; and

WHEREAS, In March 2025, Officers were dispatched to Wrights Creek for a welfare check and found enough probable cause during their investigation to charge BRYANT with possession of a firearm by felon and possession of methamphetamine.

WHEREAS, BRYANT does not appear to have any legitimate business upon the Qualla

Boundary. It is believed that BRYANT poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety to the members 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, DANA BRENT BRYANT 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 DANA BRENT BRYANT from entering or being present on Tribal Land for any purpose except as required by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if DANA BRENT BRYANT is found improperly on Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of this resolution, he shall be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against her.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.

The attached Resolution/Ordinance ___325___ dated _OCTOBER 12, 2026 ___was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ( )

and ratified in open Council on OCTOBER 12, 2026 by 100 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

Michelle Thompson
ENGLISH CLERK

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ( )

VETO UPHELD ( ) VETO DENIED ( )

DATE: 10-20-26

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 ( )