

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY (NC)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2017)**

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has the sovereign authority to exclude persons from lands of the Eastern Band in order to protect the integrity, law and order of those lands and the welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

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

WHEREAS, PRINCETON THOMAS with a date of birth of 01/03/1992 is a not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, most recently, on or about 06/06/2017, PRINCETON THOMAS, committed the following criminal offenses on Tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Possession of Methamphetamine in violation of C.C. 14.95.5(a), Simple Possession of Marijuana in violation of C.C.14-95(c), Transporting a Controlled Substance in violation of C.C. 14-95.10, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in violation of C.C. 14-95.11(c); and

WHEREAS, PRINCETON THOMAS committed the aforementioned criminal offenses while in the possession of a gun in violation of C.C. 14-95.24; and

WHEREAS, PRINCETON THOMAS has pending felony charges in Transylvania County for the following offenses: Second Degree Burglary in violation of N.C.G.S. §14-51, Larceny after Breaking or Entering in violation of N.C.G.S. §14-72(b)(2), and Cruelty to Animals in violation of N.C.G.S. §14-360(b); and

WHEREAS, BENJAMIN TYRONE WILLIS was properly served with notice of this banishment proceeding and provided with an opportunity to be heard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present and with the number of votes required by Tribal law, that PRINCETON THOMAS is hereby permanently excluded from all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and order to vacate all Tribal lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent exclusion prohibits PRINCETON THOMAS from entering on or being present on Tribal lands for any purpose except as required by a subpoena issued by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if PRINCETON THOMAS 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 him.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by the Cherokee Indian Police Department Chief of Police pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 2.*