

**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina**

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2016)

WHEREAS: the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians understand and value the natural resources of our Tribe and;

WHEREAS: solar power is a clean energy source and it is cost saving method on electricity with the exception of initial installation and construction and;

WHEREAS: other communities and other Tribes are taking advantage of this resource by installing solar panels to offset energy costs and use a clean power source and;

WHEREAS: the EBCI have several Tribal facilities in each community that utilize a lot of electricity to operate on a daily basis and;

WHEREAS: the EBCI is responsible for the electricity cost for every Tribal owned building or facility on Tribal Land and;

WHEREAS: the EBCI must look to other means in order to reduce the high electrical debt through the use of wind, water and solar power sources and;

WHEREAS: there are several government agencies that provide funding for projects large and small and the EBCI have several Tribal Departments that can look for this type of funding such as Housing; Community Development; Economic and Community Development; and Commerce Department

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is that the EBCI will equip every building, facility and elders home that qualifies with solar panels to offset energy costs to the Tribe

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the intent of this legislation shall be carried out by the Office of the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: Johnny McCoy and Kevin Jackson