

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2025)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is a federally recognized Tribe existing and acting pursuant to its inherent retained sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living endorses the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) and its partnership with Tribal Nations to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders nationwide via the needs assessment, in which the NRCNAA and the Tribe/Consortium assume the following responsibilities;

The NRCNAA will provide:

Needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, data entry and analysis, data storage on a secure server, production of tables and comparisons with national statistics; and

The Tribe/Consortium will provide:

A Tribal resolution documenting participation in the needs assessment, a count of elders, interviewers, or volunteers to conduct the survey, interpretation of the results with local input, development of recommendations of actions, dissemination of results to Tribal leaders and health officials; and

WHEREAS, summary information from the needs assessment along with a national comparison report will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

WHEREAS, the information is collected anonymously, data is stored on a secure server for the life of the NRCNAA, and physical copies of the needs assessments will be stored within a locked storage cabinet at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine & Health Sciences for a period of ten years as outlined in the UND's records and retention schedule; and

WHEREAS, no personnel costs will be covered by this grant; and

WHEREAS, there is no grant match required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI

1 Senior Citizens Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the
2 Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans
3 Act Title VI grants in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 for FY26-29.
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED additionally, the Tribal Council authorizes participation in the
6 "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" needs assessment and grants
7 permission to the National Center on Native American Aging to use all collected
8 needs assessment information in an aggregate format for disseminating state,
9 regional, and national results from analysis of the data.
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that specific information collected within the boundaries of the
12 Qualla Boundary belongs to the EBCI and may not be released in any form to
13 individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional Tribal authorization
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15 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of
16 this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.
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19 *Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Interim Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Senior*
20 *Citizens Program*