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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

APR 02 2024

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 157 (2024)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cooperative Extension Program assists families and farmers in achieving and maintaining healthy and productive lives and financial success while also seeking to assist the development of local food sovereignty through the support of local producers; and

WHEREAS, there is a barrier for some families and community members to have access to growing their own food; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program will work to provide infrastructure for Tribal Community Gardens and Community Orchards; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program has identified a funding opportunity from the Dogwood Health Trust through their Strategic Opportunities Grant under Health and Wellness-Accessible Health Ecosystems and Equity in the Essentials, to provide resources to build related infrastructure and staffing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there will be a need in the future for designation of community garden space and it will be the decision of the program, division, and Tribal Leadership to support the designation of community garden space; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program shall request up to 3 years of funding for the above mentioned focus area; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Budget allows for an estimated \$410,000 in personnel costs; 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, at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI Cooperative Extension Program is authorized to apply for and accept funding from Dogwood Health Trust in the estimated amount of \$853,500 for FY24-27.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

1 *Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Finance Director, on behalf of the EBCI Cooperative Extension*
2 *Program*

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 157 dated APRIL 2, 2024 was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on APRIL 2, 2024 by 100 voting for the act and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahnetah	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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Mike Parker

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Michelle Thompson

ENGLISH CLERK

Michael H. Adams

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED () VETOED ()

VETO UPHELD () VETO DENIED ()

DATE: 4-3-24

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 ()