

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY, NC

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

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2025)

*A resolution to exclude Earl Germaine Gresham 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, EARL GERMAINE GRESHAM (Date of Birth: 11/11/1977) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, but is said to be residing in and around the Qualla Boundary; and
- WHEREAS, On 06/23/2025 at approximately 8:56 PM, Cherokee Indian Police Officers, were dispatched to 749 Painttown Rd. to investigate a report of larceny by Gresham. Gresham is a known trespasser at the casino and has been charged upwards of ten times for the same offense at this location.; and
- WHEREAS, during the investigation, CIPD found GRESHAM in possession of nearly \$1,000 worth of stolen goods. As of 06/23/2025, GRESHAM again has been charged with Second degree trespassing, two counts of Felony Financial Transaction Card theft, and multiple counts of larceny; and
- WHEREAS, GRESHAM'S criminal history includes multiple trespassing charges, multiple theft charges, multiple possession of firearm by felon charges, probation violations, battery, willful obstruction of law enforcement officers, and has been a fugitive from justice; and
- WHEREAS, GRESHAM does not appear to have any legitimate business/reasons to be on the Qualla Boundary. With his criminal history and disregard for the laws of the EBCI, GRESHAM poses threat to the welfare, safety, health, and peace of 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,

1 EARL GERMAINE GRESHAM is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED from  
2 all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and ordered to vacate all tribal lands.

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent exclusion prohibits  
5 EARL GERMAINE GRESHAM from entering or being present on Tribal lands  
6 for any purpose except as required by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if EARL GERMAINE GRESHAM is found improperly on  
9 Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of this resolution, he shall be  
10 treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against him.

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12 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded,  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

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16 *Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.*

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