

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: _____

ORDINANCE NO.: _____ (2024)

WHEREAS, current Cherokee Code provisions do not provide an adequate opportunity to expunge records and present a barrier to tribal members re-entering the workforce; and

WHEREAS, amendments must be made to the Cherokee Code to provide a functional and holistic expungement remedy to allow for individuals to re-enter all aspects of society upon completion of their sentence; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 15 and various other provisions in the Cherokee Code governing expungements should be amended and re-organized to expand the availability and clarify procedures for expungements to make the Code more effective and accessible to parties representing themselves; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council assembled, at which a quorum is present and upon a consensus vote, that the Cherokee Code is amended as set forth in Exhibit A,

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are rescinded, and that this ordinance shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief.

Submitted by: The Tribal Employment Rights Office