

Cherokee Council House

Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

March 24, 2016.

Resolution No. _____ (2016)

WHEREAS: There is a vital need for leaders (Council and Executive) to assess and re-evaluate the different programs as to the function, need, and over all accountability. There is an array of programs throughout this tribe that has been implemented to control or lessen the amount of drug abuse and the trafficking and manufacturing of illegal and prescription drugs here on the Qualla Boundary.

WHEREAS: The Civil Action Team has taken notice and started a campaign to bring awareness, education and prevention. The campaign is community wide and is the first initiative in taking back our communities and making a safe environment for the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS: There are an increased number of deaths of all ages here on the Qualla Boundary due to overdosing on illegal and prescriptions drugs. It is known that homes here on the Qualla Boundary financed, supported and built by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are buildings and places that drugs are being sold, trafficked and manufactured.

WHEREAS: The Civil Action Team is requesting that proper policies pertaining to drugs being trafficked and manufactured in homes built supported and financed through Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that homes where person(s) who are convicted of such crimes be evicted and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians take full custody of that home. And these policies to be enforced and to take effect immediately. The forfeit of land the house and or any other building that is established apply as well. This is to deter person(s) of this type of illegal activity.

WHEREAS: The Civil Action Team requires that person(s) who are looking for financing or assistance is notice before signing any or documents pertaining to the contract or lease here on the Qualla Boundary. This is not excluding campers, trailers, shacks, and or storage buildings or any place that illegal drugs are being hid or held for illegal drug activity as to being trafficked or manufactured.

WHEREAS: The Civil Action Team is requesting that the treatment/rehabilitation center be the top priority for our Council and Chiefs. This center is a necessity for the health and well being of our nation. This treatment center should provide top notch services while maintaining the traditions and cultural of our great nation. So members who have fallen to drugs can seek and receive help, assistance, support and encouragement to maintain a healthy lifestyle so that they may become productive citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as well as their families.

WHERAS: There is a vital need for the people in recovery a place to hold their meetings. These meetings are crucial for recovery. It provides components of recovery to person(s) asking and has the will to beat this addiction(s) currently; meetings are held where ever they can find a meeting place. The Civil Action Team requests until the treatment center is built that a proper building be set for these person(s) to hold and facilitate meetings for all who wish to attend.

WHERAS: After treatment/rehabilitation is accomplished The Civil Action Team would request the tribe provide and fund a workforce/education/training program to assist with finding employment and train and educate so that the person(s) who is in recovery can maintain employment. The funding could come from the DARE Fines that are assess when someone is charge and convicted of a crime where drugs and alcohol are a contributor to specific crime. So that they may provide the necessary means to maintain their family and their sobriety.

WHEREAS: Currently, the Cherokee Indian Hospital is in need of the ability to provide more beds/space and staff to assist people needing to detox. The Civil Action is requesting Council and Chiefs to re-evaluate this situation due to court order rehabilitation. We are asking the director of the Cherokee Indian Hospital provide more beds and hire more staff so that person(s) in need of detox can have this service provide as needed so that both court order rehabilitation and walk ins have the same service.

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 Tribal Council take action and follow through with the requests and maintain knowledge and provide the necessary support to the programs that have PROVEN to provide sobriety and over all well being of the members of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Furthermore, provide statistical information to the public. Initiate a sound prevention program that is continuous and this program to provide knowledge, understand and prevention while applying the cultural and traditions of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Resolution shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted By: The Civil Action Team

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