

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____(2025)

- WHEREAS, Principal Chief Michell Hicks has recognized the need to reestablish the EBCI greenhouse facility; and
- WHEREAS, the EBCI's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan identifies the need for "Growing Tribal Health and Healing" with a goal to "Increase the utilization of natural resources by FY2027" (Goal C.1) and an underlying objective of "Creating sustainable methods of food sovereignty" (Objective C.1.1); and
- WHEREAS, Resolution number 208 (2024) submitted by NAIWA and passed on June 6th, 2024, was characterized as one of the most important resolutions passed and it stated the importance of the EBCI's pursuit of Tribal Food Sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS, the EBCI Natural Resources Program has received funds and infrastructure to build two green houses with some support structures; and
- WHEREAS, the EBCI passed Resolution 581 (2021) purchasing Wolftown Community Parcel 70-B containing 3.425 acres and this site has not been committed for any other purposes; and
- WHEREAS, this site shall be used for food production, culturally significant plant production, and forest plant production and shall be managed by the EBCI Natural Resources and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled where a quorum is present that the land located in: Wolftown Community Parcel No. 70-B be allocated as a Tribal Greenhouse Facility and shall be used for this purpose which includes: growing food, growing horticultural and culturally significant plants. The EBCI Natural Resources Department of the Operation's Division will be authorized to pursue endeavors which support EBCI Tribal Food Sovereignty and land stewardship initiatives on this property.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of the resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded,

Submitted by: Josh Parris, EBCI Forestry Manager