

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2016)

WHEREAS, the goal of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Office of Environment & Natural Resources is to protect, preserve and ensure the wise utilization of the limited natural resources located on Tribal lands for the Cherokee people; and,

WHEREAS, the three primary, operational programs of the Office of Environment and Natural Resources (Regulatory, Water Quality, and Air Quality) are responsible for enforcing Tribal Ordinances and maintaining compliance with applicable Federal laws, monitoring and maintaining water quality standards, and monitoring ambient air quality on Tribal Lands, and,

WHEREAS, the demand for these programs has consistently increased with the rapid rate of development on Tribal Lands, and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment & Natural Resources has applied for and consistently received annual funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and,

WHEREAS, in the face of diminishing Federal support, the Office of Environment & Natural Resources wishes to continue providing the services of these programs to the Tribe and the community, and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the communities for the Office of Environment & Natural Resources to continue participating in the USDA funded program and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at which a quorum is present that the Office of Environment & Natural Resources of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall commit a match totaling \$20,000.00 (in-kind \$5,000.00 and GF Tribal Match \$15,000.00), and be authorized to submit an application package to the USDA funding program in the amount of \$12,000.00 for FY16-17.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: Grants Compliance Office on behalf of the Office of Environment & Natural Resources