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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
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RESOLUTION. 344 (2024)

A resolution to give a Cherokee name to the real property adjacent to the Noquisi Mound, and authorizing the drafting of a memorandum of agreement with the Noquisi Initiative for the development of a Cherokee learning center on the property.

WHEREAS in 2019, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians purchased real property located at 454 East Main Street, Franklin, NC, containing 0.59 acres, more or less, adjacent to the Noquisi Mound; and

WHEREAS the real property was formerly the site of Dan’s Auto Service, a motor vehicle service station, and currently has on it a paved parking area and a concrete block building which needs to be renovated to make it useable; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 88 (2021), authorizing the transfer of the property to the Noquisi Initiative (“NI”) so NI could apply for a federal grant to renovate the property and building to use as a Cherokee learning center in connection with the Mound; and

WHEREAS NI did not receive the grant but is still the steward of the Mound and the property at 454 East Main Street, and maintains both; and

WHEREAS the EBCI’s Speakers Council was asked to name the property, and it proposes that the Tribe should name the property “Gaduni Kanohesgi”; and

WHEREAS the Gaduni Kanohesgi property holds great opportunity for EBCI members to reconnect to their heritage, and for visitors to gain extensive cultural education; and

WHEREAS the NI is willing to perform fundraising and site management tasks to help develop a Cherokee cultural learning center on the property under the continued guidance of the EBCI and under an agreement with the EBCI.

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 the Tribe is authorized and requested to draft a memorandum of agreement (MOA) or other agreement with the Noquisi Initiative to define the roles and expectations of the parties regarding the stewardship by the Noquisi Initiative of the real property located at 454 East Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina, previously the site of Dan’s Auto Service, and for the potential development of a Cherokee culture learning center on the property.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the EBCI will designate a lead Tribal office or employee
2 to work closely with the Noquisi Initiative to draft the agreement, which will be
3 subject to review and approval by Tribal Council before it is signed by the
4 Principal Chief.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property located at 454 East Main Street, Franklin,
6 North Carolina, which was previously the location of “Dan’s Auto Service”, shall
7 be named “Gaduni Kanohesgi”.

8 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are
9 rescinded and that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the
10 Principal Chief.

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12 *Submitted by: Juanita Wilson, member of the Noquisi Initiative.*