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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Family Safety Program offers child and adult protective and prevention services to children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Children and Families - Children's Bureau has announced the Kinship Navigator Programs: Replication and Tribal Adaptation funding opportunity to increase the number of tribal child welfare agencies that replicate and implement an evidence-based Kinship Navigator Program rated as promising, supported, or well-supported by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, the Family Safety Program requires funding to implement and operate a Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program, and this funding opportunity will provide resources to establish and sustain evidence-informed practices that support kinship caregivers, strengthen family stability, and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, no personnel costs will be covered by this grant.

WHEREAS, there is an estimated amount of \$125,000 grant match required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI Family Safety Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the Administration for Children and Families - Children's Bureau in the estimated amount of \$375,000 for an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 for FY27-29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$125,000, consisting of \$62,500 from General Fund and \$62,500 in In-Kind.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 Brandi Claxton, Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Family Safety Program