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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources Program is responsible for protecting, preserving, and ensuring the wise utilization of the limited natural resources located on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Program is responsible for enforcing Tribal Ordinances and maintaining compliance with applicable Federal laws, monitoring and maintaining water quality standards, and monitoring ambient air quality to protect public health 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 Natural Resources Program has applied for and consistently received annual funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Program 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 Natural Resources Program to continue participating in the EPA funded programs; and

WHEREAS, no personnel costs will be covered by this grant; and

WHEREAS, there is no 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 Natural Resources Program is authorized to continue to apply, participate in, and accept EPA funding, in the estimated amount of \$556,588 from the General Assistance Program (GAP), Water Quality Programs, and Air Quality Program for FY27.

Grant Title	Amount From the EPA
GAP	\$148,000
Air Quality 105	\$148,588
Water Quality 106	\$200,000
Water Quality 319	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$556,588

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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