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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2025)

*A resolution stating that the Tribe will find an alternative location for the
meat processing facility referenced in Resolution No. 491 (2025),
and addressing the protest filed against that resolution.*

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 491 (2025), Tribal Council authorized the Tribe to purchase two parcels of Tribal trust land in the Painttown Community from an enrolled member; and

WHEREAS, the resolution states that the Tribe was buying the two parcels to build and operate a state-of-the-art meat processing facility on them; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's goal in bringing such a facility to the Qualla Boundary is to address food sovereignty and food security issues encountered by Tribal families, especially in times of wide-spread crisis when meat supplies from retailers are interrupted; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2025, enrolled member Regina Rosario filed a protest of Resolution No. 491 (2025), stating that the meat processing facility would have a negative impact on her nearby home and her quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2025, at a regularly scheduled Tribal Council session, Tribal Council accepted the protest and determined that a hearing would be held at a later date; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, Ms. Rosario clarified to Tribal Council that she did not object to the Tribe buying the parcels but she objected to the intended use; and

WHEREAS, Tribal leaders have heard Ms. Rosario's concerns and have determined that the meat processing facility will be built at a different location.

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 authority to complete the sale and purchase of the parcels of Tribal trust land authorized in Resolution No. 491 (2025) is not disturbed by the protest of that resolution filed by Regina Rosario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parcels purchased pursuant to Resolution No. 491 (2025) will not be used for the meat processing facility described in the resolution; and the Tribe will identify an alternative site for the meat processing facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribe has addressed the concern expressed in the protest filed against Resolution No. 491 (2025) and no further action will be taken on the protest.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by Mike Parker, Tribal Council Chairman.