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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: JUN 06 2024

RESOLUTION NO.: 218 (2024)

*A resolution establishing a planning work group to develop recommendations regarding a Qualla Boundary Tourism Development Authority (TDA).*

**WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with sovereign powers of self-government; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal leaders have started discussions about forming a Tourism Development Authority ("TDA") for the benefit of the Qualla Boundary; and

**WHEREAS,** the general idea of a TDA is to form a group of business, civic, and governmental leaders to meet regularly to develop ways to promote travel and tourism on the Qualla Boundary and lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

**WHEREAS,** before a TDA is formed, Tribal leaders need to decide how to structure the TDA, what the funding options are, how a TDA ordinance may look in the Cherokee Code, and how a TDA would collaborate with Planning Board, Business Committee, Tribal Council, business owners, and others with an interest in promoting travel and tourism within the Qualla Boundary; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal leaders in the business, civil and governmental realm have indicated a willingness to aid the Tribe in exploring this process, and it will be beneficial for multiple voices to be heard on this important issue by forming a Qualla Boundary TDA Work Group.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Tribal Council assembled at which a quorum is present that a Qualla Boundary TDA Work Group is officially established; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Work Group shall consist of the following members:

- Secretary of Commerce, Finance Director, and an attorney from the Attorney General's Office
- representatives from the Principal Chief's Office, Vice Chief's Office, and Tribal Council
- representatives from the Museum of the Cherokee People, the Cherokee Historical Association, Kituwah LLC, the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise, Qualla Enterprises LLC, and any additional participants that the Principal

Chief, Vice Chief, or Tribal Council identify who could offer helpful insight into developing recommendations for a TDA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Work Group shall meet diligently throughout June 2024 and submit written recommendations regarding a Qualla Boundary TDA to the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council no later than June 28, 2024;

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

*Submitted by Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley*

The attached Resolution/Ordinance \_\_\_\_218\_\_\_\_ dated \_JUNE 6, 2024\_ was:

PASSED ( X )

KILLED ( )

and ratified in open Council on \_June 06, 2024\_ by \_87\_ voting for the act  
and \_0\_ members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahnetah				X
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha				X
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

  
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ENGLISH CLERK

  
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PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ( )

VETO UPHELD ( ) VETO DENIED ( )

DATE: 6-25-24

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED ( )

KILLED ( )

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and  
has been fully and freely discussed.

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INTERPRETED ( )

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OMITTED ( )