

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cooperative Extension Program is responsible for assisting families and farmers in achieving and maintaining health and productive lives, achieving financial success, while also seeking to assist in the development of local food sovereignty through the support of local producers; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program will work to provide animal processing infrastructure for Tribal Producers and traditional meat harvesters and there will be an opportunity to develop value-added food and non-food products; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program has identified a funding opportunity from the USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget allows for an estimated amount of \$55,000 in personnel expenses; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$200,000.

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 Cooperative Extension Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant in the estimated amount of \$200,000 for a total project cost of \$400,000 for FY27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$200,000 from General Fund.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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