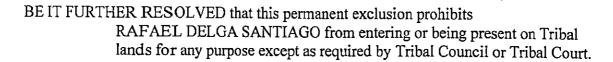
CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY, NC

Date:

	RESOLUTION NO (2025)
	A resolution to exclude Rafael Delga Santiago from the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
WHEREAS,	the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ("EBCI" or " _{Tribe} ") has the sovereign authority to exclude persons from lands of the Eastern Band to protect the integrity, law and order of the lands, and the welfare of Tribal members; and
WHEREAS,	the Tribal Council has codified its authority to exclude persons from the lands of the Eastern Band at Chapter 2 of the Cherokee Code; and
WHEREAS,	the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty that is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance; and
WHEREAS,	RAFAEL DELGA SANTIAGO (Date of Birth: 11/03/1987) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, but is said to be residing in and around the Qualla Boundary; and
WHEREAS,	SANTIAGO has a lengthy criminal history that includes charges for Trespassing, Sale of Counterfeit Substances, Possession of Controlled Substance, Burglary, Grand Theft, Possession of Methamphetamine, Battery, and Probation Violations; and
WHEREAS,	SANTIAGO'S Current Charges in Jackson County, NC include Felony Assault with Serious Bodily Injury and Misdemeanor Assault with a deadly weapon; and
WHEREAS,	SANTIAGO was involved in an incident on the Qualla Boundary on 12/27/2024 where the victim, Jorge Rodriguez was stabbed almost 20 times in multiple places on his body by SANTIAGO and two other males; and
WHEREAS,	SANTIAGO does not appear to have any legitimate business upon the Qualla Boundary and poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety to the members of

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council, in Council assembled with a quorum present, and with the number of votes required by Tribal law, RAFAEL DELGA SANTIAGO is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED from all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and ordered to vacate all tribal lands.

the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the EBC in its entirety; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if RAFAEL DELGA SANTIAGO is found improperly on Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of this resolution, he shall be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against him.

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

Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.

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