

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____(2016)

WHEREAS, Onita Bush is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the owner of a certain possessory holding in the Snowbird Community, Parcel #203-A; and

WHEREAS, said parcel is being encroached upon by a house, located at 257 Holloway Road, Robbinsville, NC, that was built across the exterior Boundary line of the Qualla Boundary and said house is owned by non-members of the Tribe, Sylvia and William Lovelace; and

WHEREAS, the situation has escalated to include harassment and threats made against the adjoining Possessory Holders who are Enrolled Members of the Tribe by the owners and family of said property; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Tribe to defend its exterior boundaries from encroachments; and

WHEREAS, it is a trust duty of the United States Government to assist the Tribe in protecting the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from all encroachments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council Assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hereby authorizes the Chairman of Tribal Council to request assistance from the United States Government, via the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to remove the encroaching parties and property from the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Attorney General is hereby directed to vigorously and persistently pursue the eviction of the encroaching parties from Tribal lands, either through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or by whatever legal means available.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.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 the Lands Committee of the E.B.C.I.