



Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2025)

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Cultural Institutional Review Board (CIRB) has been assigned the task of reviewing culturally relevant research requests made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and;

WHEREAS, the CIRB has reviewed the research request made by Dr. Laura German of the University of Georgia, in collaboration with Dr. Joe O'Brien and Integrative Conservation doctoral students, to conduct a research project titled "*Partnership Between the EBCI Natural Resources Department and the Integrative Conservation Doctoral Program*", and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this legacy project is to support collaboration between the EBCI Natural Resources Department and the University of Georgia's Integrative Conservation Doctoral Program, fostering shared research, learning opportunities, and applied conservation efforts that benefit tribal natural resource management, and;

WHEREAS, this partnership will provide opportunities for research, knowledge exchange, capacity-building, and practical application of conservation science in support of the EBCI Natural Resources Department, Earth Keepers and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' environmental priorities, and;

WHEREAS, the results of this project may be useful in guiding future conservation planning, resource management strategies, educational initiatives, tribal collaboration, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. German and her research team acknowledges that all the information obtained from this project will be forwarded to the EBCI Cultural IRB for review prior to publication in any form, and;

WHEREAS, the researchers understand that the data collected is exclusively the Eastern Band's and will not use this information in any manner without authorization by the EBCI CIRB,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which quorum is present that Dr. German and her UGA research team is hereby granted permission to conduct the above-named research project as described in her CIRB proposal and will follow through with all reporting as required by Tribal CIRB,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the EBCI Cultural Resources shall carry out the intent of this resolution and that this resolution become effective upon ratification of the Principal Chief.

Submitted by:
Angelina Jumper, Cultural Resources Supervisor, CIRB Chair