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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2026)

*A resolution to encourage the Tribal Council to begin Tribal Council sessions with a prayer spoken in the Cherokee language.*

WHEREAS, Tribal Council traditionally begins its monthly Council sessions with a prayer; and

WHEREAS, more often than not, the opening prayer is spoken in the English language, and only sometimes in Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, to properly respect Cherokee culture and tradition, our Elders and our Creator, and to help preserve and energize our language by making it part of our daily lives, Tribal Council sessions should begin with a prayer spoken in the Cherokee language.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Annual Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that Tribal Council should adopt the practice of beginning its monthly Council sessions with a prayer spoken in Cherokee.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by Teena Watty, with support from Sally Arch, Maggie Armachain, John Bird, Encie Brown, Janie Conseen Brown, Mike Wachacha, Tony Smoker, Roger Smoker, Myrtle Smoker, Lane Smoker, John Frances Smoker, Onita Bush, Nan Brown, Mary Brown, Alfred Welch and Maybelle Welch.*