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Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, Qualla Boundary (NC)

Date: JAN 08 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 106 (2026)

*A resolution to permanently banish Arvis Boughman  
from the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has the sovereign authority to exclude (banish) persons from lands of the Eastern Band to protect the integrity, law and order of the Tribe and the welfare of the members of the Tribe; 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, Arvis Boughman is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and is not currently residing on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman is a threat to the integrity, law and order of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the welfare of its members by his misuse, falsification, attempted appropriation, and inaccurate presentation of Cherokee cultural information, all the while working in or around Cherokee educational and cultural settings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman has publicly presented himself as a historian and cultural authority, on Cherokee matters, publishing articles and materials related to Indigenous history and culture; and

WHEREAS, credible concerns have been raised by Cherokee scholars, fluent speakers of the Cherokee language, educators, and cultural authorities about Mr. Boughman's repeated misrepresentation of Cherokee history, culture, traditions, and oral histories, including allegations that he has plagiarized, altered, and appropriated Cherokee historical texts for non-Cherokee purposes; and

WHEREAS, comparisons performed by Cherokee scholars have identified substantial similarities between Mr. Boughman's published work and existing Cherokee historical records, with material changes that misrepresent or wrongly attribute Cherokee history, culture, and traditions to non-Cherokee groups; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman has repeatedly used public platforms to make disparaging and inflammatory statements about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including false accusations against EBCI leadership and the Tribe as a whole, contributing to

1 harassment of EBCI members, the spread of misinformation, and promotion of  
2 community division; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman and his immediate family members have publicly promoted  
4 allegations asserting historical crimes by the Cherokee people without producing  
5 credible or academically supported evidence, resulting in harm to the EBCI's  
6 reputation and cultural integrity; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman's actions and potential presence on Tribal lands are detrimental to  
8 the Tribe's efforts to preserve Cherokee history, protect cultural knowledge, and  
9 ensure the well-being of the Cherokee community; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Boughman should be excluded from Tribal lands.

11 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Tribal Council, in Council assembled, with a quorum  
12 present and with the requisite number of votes required by Tribal law, that Arvis  
13 Boughman is hereby permanently excluded from all Tribal lands and is hereby  
14 NOTIFIED AND ORDERED TO VACATE ALL TRIBAL LANDS and to remove  
15 himself and all personal property from Tribal lands within 48 hours from the date  
16 this resolution is ratified. Any personal property remaining on Tribal lands after that  
17 period shall become the property of the Tribe.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Arvis Boughman is found to be present on Tribal lands at  
19 any time after 48 hours has elapsed from the date this resolution is ratified, he shall  
20 be in violation of Tribal law and of a lawful order of Tribal Council, and a law  
21 enforcement officer shall arrest him and take other appropriate legal action against  
22 him.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this exclusion prohibits Arvis Boughman from entering on or  
24 being present on Tribal lands for any purpose EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY A  
25 SUBPOENA issued by the Cherokee Tribal Court or Tribal Council.

26 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon ratification by the  
27 Principal Chief.

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29 Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_