

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

A resolution to approve the research project titled "Storytelling and Diabetes" by Turner Goins, PHD, Professor in the Department of Social Work in the College of Health and Human Sciences at WCU.

WHEREAS, the EBCI Medical Institutional Review Board (MIRB) has been assigned the task of reviewing health-related research requests made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, the 'What Can I Eat?' program at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is a diabetes education program that focuses on nutrition, physical activity, stress management, and goal setting;

WHEREAS, Past and present participants of the 'What Can I Eat' program will be invited to participate in a new study titled 'Storytelling and Diabetes;'

WHEREAS, The 'Storytelling and Diabetes' study will pair 'What Can I Eat' participants with younger family members or friends to collaboratively craft homemade books sharing diabetes-related stories and experiences;

WHEREAS, This storytelling method referred to as "narrative medicine" is aimed at discovering and acknowledging experiences with health, in this instance, related to diabetes;

WHEREAS, The 'Storytelling and Diabetes' study will examine participants' experiences to gather feedback;

WHEREAS, The Medical Institutional Review Board (MIRB) has carefully reviewed this study and has determined that it meets all necessary ethical and research standards to ensure the safety and well-being of participants; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) has reviewed the request and the MIRB's recommendations and has also given approval; and

WHEREAS, The researcher acknowledges that the EBCI has a non-exclusive license to all information obtained from this research. And all information obtained will be forwarded to the EBCI Secretary of PHHS for review and neither Turner Goins nor

1 the Co-Investigators will use this information in any manner not authorized or in
2 violation of Tribal law.
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4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
5 Indians, in Council assembled in which a quorum is present, that Turner Goins,
6 Professor of Social Work at Western Carolina University, is hereby granted
7 permission to carry out the above-named research project as described in her
8 MIRB-approved proposal, carrying out all follow-up and reporting as required by
9 the Medical Institutional Review Board.
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11 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby
12 rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the
13 Principal Chief.
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16 Submitted by: Sonya Wachacha, Secretary
17 EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division
18 on behalf of the EBCI Medical Institutional Review Board
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