

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2024)

Recognition of Founder of Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center

WHEREAS, Regina Ledford Rosario began her career at the Cherokee Police Department in 1985, and,

WHEREAS, Regina Ledford Rosario held many positions during her career, from patrol officer, juvenile officer, and criminal investigator, and,

WHEREAS, the last ten years of Regina Ledford Rosario's career she investigated and helped prosecute federal crimes against children, and,

WHEREAS, Regina Ledford Rosario noticed that child cases were declining in federal court because of multiple interviews, and,

WHEREAS, child advocacy centers (CAC) were developing in the states, the first state CAC developed in Huntsville, Alabama of which Regina Ledford Rosario went to visit, and,

WHEREAS, with the help of Jonathon Ed Taylor helped us secure a stand-alone building for Heart to Heart CAC

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 Regina Ledford Rosario be recognized as the founder of the first child advocacy center in Indian Country, Heart to Heart, Regina Ledford Rosario would also like to thank and recognize her staff at that time who had a lot of input; Lois Dunston, Krystopher Storm, Jennifer Hornbuckle Standingdeer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sign be placed to read as follows, "Heart to Heart, the first CAC in Indian Country founded in 1995 by Regina Ledford Rosario for the rights of abused children

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded

Submitted by: Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Michael Stamper, Painttown Council Representative and Dike Sneed Painttown Council Representative on behalf of Regina Ledford Rosario