



CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

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

*A resolution to add a position to the Natural Resources - Forestry Program.*

12 WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians possess greater than 45,000 acres of  
13 forested land, is managing multiple funding agreements in conjunction with USFS  
14 of North Carolina, and is working toward co-stewardship of 1,000,000 acres of  
15 USFS land in WNC; and

17 WHEREAS, the EBCI Natural Resources Department currently lacks the labor capacity to  
18 adequately manage the growing need for logistics, contracting, outreach, and  
19 agency interaction required by this new initiative; and

21 WHEREAS, the financial impact of adding this position is in Exhibit "B".

23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
24 Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the  
25 Supervisor - Forestry position shall be added to the Natural Resources – Forestry  
26 Program, which is a net add of one position.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the organizational chart in Exhibit "A" is approved, which  
29 reflects the position net add.

31 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Office, Human Resources, and Office of  
32 Budget & Finance are authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which  
33 shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

36 Submitted by Josh Parris, Forestry Manager