

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is responsible for providing free, in-person tax return preparation to qualifying individuals throughout the Qualla Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the VITA Program has identified a funding opportunity from the US Department of Treasury- Internal Revenue Service to support the ongoing efforts to continue to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, no personnel costs will be covered by this grant; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$15,600.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the VITA Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the US Department of Treasury- Internal Revenue Service in the estimated amount of \$15,600 for a total project cost of \$31,200 for FY26 with the option to renew yearly through FY29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$15,600 from In-kind.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI VITA Program