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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Foods Distribution Program continues to assist Tribal members in achieving and maintaining their desired quality of life by providing a high caliber community focused health system while serving as good stewards of Tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Foods Distribution Program will continue to provide food distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Foods Distribution Program has identified a funding opportunity through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) which will provide USDA approved foods to low-income households and elders residing on Indian reservations, or designated areas nearby; and

WHEREAS, the grant allows for an estimated \$430,225 in personnel expenses, and an application must be submitted at the conclusion of the grant period to continue receiving these funds; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$163,855.

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 EBCI Tribal Foods Distribution Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the USDA in the estimated amount of \$655,419 for an estimated total project cost of \$819,274 for FY27-28.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$163,855 from General Fund.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 Tribal Foods Distribution Program