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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Cultural Institutional Review Board (CIRB) has been assigned the task of reviewing culturally relevant research requests made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and;

WHEREAS, the CIRB has reviewed the research request made by Dr. Kristin Davin of UNC Charlotte, in partnership with New Kituwah Academy and KPEP, to conduct a research project titled “Teaching Our Rich Cultural Heritage: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Teacher Licensure Partnership Program (Project TORCH),” and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this project is to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of Project TORCH, a teacher licensure partnership designed to prepare enrolled EBCI members to become licensed educators through coursework, mentoring, professional development, and induction support, and;

WHEREAS, the project seeks to strengthen culturally responsive teacher preparation, support Indigenous education, and assess how Cherokee cultural components enhance teacher effectiveness in schools serving EBCI students, and;

WHEREAS, the results of this project may assist future teacher preparation efforts, strengthen educational partnerships between the EBCI and UNC Charlotte, and support future funding opportunities for additional cohorts of EBCI educators, and;

WHEREAS, the researchers acknowledge that all completed work and findings will be submitted to the EBCI Cultural IRB for review prior to publication or public dissemination, and;

WHEREAS, the researchers understand that all information collected through this project shall be used only as outlined in the approved application is exclusively the property of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and that any future use outside the approved scope shall require prior approval by the EBCI CIRB

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which quorum is present that Dr. Kristin Davin and her research team are hereby granted permission to conduct the above-named research project as described in their CIRB proposal and will follow through with all reporting as required by Tribal CIRB,

35 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the EBCI Cultural Resources shall carry out the intent of this
36 resolution and that this resolution become effective upon ratification of the Principal Chief.

37 Submitted by:

38 Angelina Jumper

39 Cultural Resources Supervisor, CIRB Chair

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