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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2025)**

*A resolution to authorize the Tribe to present legislation to the NC General Assembly  
regarding accreditation of the Tribe's Child Advocacy Center.*

**WHEREAS,** Cherokee Code (C.C.) 117-50(b) states that "Any legislation presented at the state or federal level must be approved through a resolution of Tribal Council."; and

**WHEREAS,** Federal funding for the EBCI's Child Advocacy Center is administered by and flows through the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** to receive Federal funding, the EBCI must meet State requirements applicable to counties within the State, as well as Federal requirements expressed in the National Accreditation Standards; and

**WHEREAS,** in some instances, the State requirements exceed the Federal requirements, placing a unique burden on the Tribe to position itself as a county of the State even though the Tribe is separate from the State; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina statutes governing this subject only address counties, which are political subdivisions of the State; and

**WHEREAS,** the EBCI, through its Division of Public Health and Human Services, desires to present and advocate for legislation to amend North Carolina State law governing accreditation and funding for Child Advocacy Centers, with goal of improving the EBCI's access to Federal funding administered by the State.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Tribe is authorized to present and advocate for legislation in the North Carolina General Assembly to amend North Carolina State law governing accreditation and funding for Child Advocacy Centers, with goal of improving the EBCI's access to Federal funding administered by the State.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief and all resolutions or portions thereof that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded.

*Submitted by: Anita Lossiah, PHHS Human Services Director.*