

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2024)

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, (EBCI) works to protect historic and culturally significant sites and buildings, and,

WHEREAS, Christian members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians were meeting to organize a church as early as October 23, 1873, even before the Tribe was granted a charter by the State of North Carolina in 1895 and allowed to own land, and,

WHEREAS, In 1881 the Echota, Yellowhill and Macedonia churches joined together and organized what is known today as the Cherokee Indian Missionary Baptist Association, as other churches were later organized, they too joined the association, and,

WHEREAS, Piney Grove Baptist Church organized in 1910 and serviced many families on the Qualla Boundary, and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 18 (2023) was presented to Tribal Council on November 2, 2023, and passed December 7, 2023, this resolution clarified ownership of Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 22, and the Piney Grove Baptist Church located on the parcel, and,

WHEREAS, the Piney Grove Baptist Church is requesting financial assistance to preserve the historic integrity of the church building, and,

WHEREAS, the repairs needed to bring the Piney Grove Baptist Church to operation and to preserve the structural integrity of the church have been looked at and estimates have been completed

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 Tribal Council hereby approves financial assistance in the amount of \$19,409.50 to preserve the historic structure and ensure the continued preservation of the Piney Grove Baptist Church

45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds shall be taken from the General Fund line item.

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47 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification of the
48 Principal Chief

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53 Submitted By: Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Yellowhill Tribal Council Representative, Chairman
54 Mike Parker, Wolfstown Council Representative, Tom Wahnetah, Yellowhill Council
55 Representative, and Vice Chief B Ensley