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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cooperative Extension Program is responsible for assisting families and farmers in achieving healthy and productive lives while advancing food sovereignty through the support of local producers; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program will work to develop animal processing infrastructure for Tribal producers and traditional meat harvesters, but also support both existing producers and community members interested in animal ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program has identified a funding opportunity from the US Department of Labor Program Year 2026 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOVA), Indian and Native American Programs Employment and Training-Adult; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget allows for an estimated amount of \$971,900 in personnel expenses; and

WHEREAS, there is no grant match required.

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 Cooperative Extension Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the US Department of Labor in the estimated amount of \$971,700 for FY27.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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