

**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina**

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2023)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is a federally recognized Indian tribe with a strong history of self-governance utilizing federal funds and federal policy designed to strengthen tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 102-477 ("477 Program") is a federal policy administered by the Department of the Interior that permits the consolidation of certain federal funding for more flexibility in the administration of tribal employment, training, and related programming; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's TERO is currently designed and authorized to provide employment, and job training and readiness programs to members of this community; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing the federal 477 Program to consolidate certain US Department of Labor and US Department of Health and Human Service Administration for Children and Families funding streams for the program, TERO will be able to efficiently administer and grow its reach and effectiveness as a resource for jobs and employment in this community; and

WHEREAS, TERO has developed a start-up plan for submission and approval by the 477 Program at the Department of the Interior which this Tribe supports.

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 TERO Program be authorized to submit for federal approval a 477 Plan for the purpose of a more flexible and effective employment and job readiness resource for this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the 477 Program plan is finally approved, TERO is authorized to administer the plan on behalf of the Tribe.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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, Finance Director, on behalf of the EBCI TERO Program