

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2024)

A resolution authorizing the Tribal Bingo Enterprise (TBE) to perform the necessary due diligence and planning to bring bingo back to Tribal lands and perhaps add other Class II gaming activities at bingo locations.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Bingo Enterprise (TBE) is established in C.C. Chapter 16B to provide for the management of the Tribe’s Class II gaming activities, including in-person bingo games; and

WHEREAS, the TBE is governed by the same Board of Advisors as the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE); and

WHEREAS, the TBE and the Tribe closed its bingo operations during the COVID pandemic, due to a decrease in attendance and revenues at bingo operations; and

WHEREAS, after the closure of the bingo hall in Cherokee, the Tribe re-purposed that building for a different use, and that building is no longer available for the conduct of bingo; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to bring bingo back to Cherokee and, if reasonable, to a satellite location on Tribal trust lands outside of Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to examine whether other Class II gaming activities may be conducted at bingo locations on Tribal trust land in Cherokee and at a satellite location to be determined in the future, and whether adding additional Class II gaming activities and machines is legally and financially sound.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Tribal Bingo Enterprise is authorized and directed to perform the necessary due diligence to determine the steps necessary and the costs associated with bringing back bingo to Cherokee and other Tribal trust lands for the enjoyment of the community and the public, and to determine whether adding other Class II gaming activities and machines at bingo locations is legally and financially sound, and the steps necessary to accomplish all of the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Bingo Enterprise shall consult with other Tribal enterprises, programs and offices, such as the Tribe’s Office of Budget and Finance, the Commerce Department, and the Office of the Attorney General, when it is helpful to the due diligence effort.

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon ratification by the
Principal Chief, and all prior resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution
are rescinded.

Submitted by Principal Chief Mitchell Hicks.