

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension Program has identified a funding opportunity from the
21 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Grant; and

23 WHEREAS, the grant budget allows for a portion of personnel expenses that are to be
24 determined; and

26 WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$500,000.

28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
29 Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI
30 Cooperative Extension Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from
31 the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Grant in the
32 estimated amount of \$500,000 for a total project cost of \$1,000,000 for FY27-28.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount
35 of \$500,000 from In-kind.

37 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of
38 this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

41 *Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Cooperative*
42 *Extension Program*