

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, QUALLA  
BOUNDARY, NC

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2026)

*A resolution to exclude James Craig Jones from the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (“EBCI” or “Tribe”) has the sovereign authority to exclude persons from lands of the Eastern Band to protect the integrity, law and order of the lands, and the welfare of Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has codified its authority to exclude persons from the lands of the Eastern Band at Chapter 2 of the Cherokee Code; and

WHEREAS, the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty that is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, JAMES CRAIG JONES (Date of Birth: 05/31/1986) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, JONES has a lengthy criminal history that includes several assault charges and second-degree kidnapping. JONES has also been a fugitive from another state in the past; and

WHEREAS, JONES is a convicted felon and he was recently charged Tribally with 14-95.5 (possession of a controlled substance I-V on 04/22/2026.; and

WHEREAS, JONES has an extensive driving history including several DWLR charges and DWI charges both in North Carolina and the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The CRO Team for CIPD has had several encounters with JONES leaving high drug trafficking areas where we have received complaints of drug activity inside the Qualla Boundary.

WHEREAS, JONES does not appear to have any legitimate business upon the Qualla Boundary. It is believed that JONES poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety to the members of the Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians.

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2 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council, in Council assembled  
3 with a quorum present, and with the number of votes required by Tribal  
4 law, JAMES CRAIG JONES is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED  
5 from all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and ordered to vacate all tribal  
6 lands.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent exclusion prohibits  
9 JAMES CRAIG JONES from entering or being present on Tribal  
10 Land for any purpose except as required by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if JAMES CRAIG JONES  
13 is found improperly on Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of  
14 this resolution, he shall be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal  
15 action shall be taken against her.  
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17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are  
18 rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by  
19 the Principal Chief.  
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21 *Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.*

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