



CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

10 WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Foods Distribution Program
11 continues to assist Tribal members in achieving and maintaining their desired
12 quality of life by providing a high caliber community focused health system while
13 serving as good stewards of Tribal resources entrusted to us; and

15 WHEREAS, the Tribal Foods Distribution Program will continue to provide food distribution;
16 and

18 WHEREAS, the Tribal Foods Distribution Program has identified a funding opportunity from
19 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Distribution Program on
20 Indian Reservations (FDPIR) grant which will provide USDA approved foods to
21 low-income households including the elderly residing on Indian reservations, or
22 designated areas nearby; and

24 WHEREAS, an estimated amount of \$416,051 in personnel costs will be covered by this grant;
25 and

27 WHEREAS, there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$119,805.

29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
30 Indians, in Council assembled and at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI
31 Tribal Foods Distribution Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds
32 from the USDA Food and Nutrition Services in the estimated amount of \$599,024
33 for a total project amount of \$718,829 for FY26-27.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount
36 of \$119,805 from general fund.

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39 this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

42 Submitted by Brandi Claxton, Interim Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Tribal Foods
43 Distribution Program