



CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2026)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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, Interim Secretary of Treasury, on behalf of the EBCI Tribal Foods Distribution Program