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Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina

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Resolution No. 179 (2016)

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has the option to purchase Yellow Hill Community Parcels 18-D, consisting of 1.953 +/- acres, and 18-G, consisting of 0.293 +/- acres ; and

**WHEREAS**, portions of the Nununyi Mound are located within the exterior boundary of these parcels; and

**WHEREAS**, archaeological evidence indicates at least 10,000 years of occupation at this site; and

**WHEREAS**, the site contains countless archaeological materials which might include human remains; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nununyi Mound represents the cultural and historical center of the Cherokee Town of Nununyi; and

**WHEREAS**, Nununyi Town was an historic Cherokee Out Town indicated on the 1721 Barnwell map, and the 1727 Herbert map; and

**WHEREAS**, Nununyi Mound is located within a parcel historically known as Hollands Old Field, purchased in 1813 by Felix Walker, and later purchased by William Holland Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, several Cherokees resided upon these lands following the Cherokee Removal of 1838, including Sawanooke, or Flying Squirrel; and

**WHEREAS**, Flying Squirrel, as the first official Principal Chief of the EBCI, resided near the Nununyi Mound; and

**WHEREAS**, Flying Squirrel, as headman of Paint Town, modern Yellow Hill Community, partitioned out of his private claim the area around the mound as agricultural fields to feed needy Cherokee families; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the Nunuyi Mound and surrounding agricultural fields become one of the original focal points of the Qualla communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nunuyi Mound remained a culturally signified and sacred place of Cherokee occupation well into the early 1900s; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the EBCI recognizes the historic and cultural significance of Nununyi Mound, and surrounding fields, for their intrinsic value and cultural heritage of the Cherokee people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the EBCI Tribal Council supports the purchase of Yellow Hill Parcels 18-D and 18-G, as another example of rebuilding the Cherokee world one mound site at a time and that the Tribe shall purchase this property from the \_\_\_\_\_ line item at a price of \$650,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the EBCI intends to maintain the Nununyi Mound for cultural and historical use.

Submitted by: Travis Smith, Birdtown Council Representative on behalf of Fran McCoy

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 179 (2016):** In the last two, "WHEREAS" correct the spelling to, "NUNUNYI" Strike the amount of \$650,000 and change it to \$550,000 in the, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED."