

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Veteran Services has the duty of maintaining services for all members that have served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal flag does not have a designated department to hold flags for services pertaining to the changing out of flags within the Qualla Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the need for a department to hold EBCI flags is important to ensure flags on the Qualla Boundary are changed out, given to EBCI members for certain criteria, such as funerals for previously elected officials, important sporting events such as attending state championships, and for institutions, such as universities, to ensure the EBCI flag is represented for institutions that have contracts or dealing with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, a designated department is needed to ensure that backstock of official EBCI tribal flags is achieved and maintained throughout the year;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled and which a quorum is present, the EBCI designates the Tribal Veteran Services Department to oversee maintaining the stock and distributions of EBCI flags where they are needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EBCI Office of Budget & Finance allocate \$10,000.00 annually starting in Fiscal Year 2026 to Veterans Services to ensure that the flags are ordered for stock and future purchases if needed.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 *Gerard Ball, Veteran Services Coordinator, and Driver Blythe.*