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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2025)

*A resolution to provide for the naming, preservation and
appropriate use of the Thomas Valley Property.*

WHEREAS, as authorized in Resolution No. 404 (2025), the Tribe purchased from Margaret Fay Varner, Roberta Varner Means, and the Varner family trust, three parcels of deeded land in Whittier, North Carolina, totaling 84.97 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Property is known alternatively as the Varner Property, the Will Thomas Property or the Thomas Valley Property and has for years been used as a farm and residence; and

WHEREAS, the Property has significant historic and cultural value to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe should assign to a Tribal program or entity, or should identify a group of Tribal employees and community members, who will be responsible for selecting one official Cherokee name and one official English name for the Property, who will develop a plan for maintaining the Property and determining appropriate uses, and who will develop a plan to preserve and highlight the historical and cultural significance and attributes of the Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Principal Chief, in consultation with Tribal Council, shall assign to a Tribal program or entity, or shall designate a group of employees and community members, who shall be responsible for selecting one official Cherokee name and one official English name for the Thomas Valley Property purchased under authority of Resolution No. 404 (2025); who will develop a plan for maintaining the Property and determining appropriate uses; and who will develop a plan to preserve and highlight the historical and cultural significance and attributes of the Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official Cherokee name for the Property shall be determined in consultation with Cherokee Speakers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by Carmaleta Monteith.