



CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

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

*A resolution to add a position to the Natural Resources - Forestry Program.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians possess greater than 45,000 acres of forested land, including both Trust lands and fee simple lands under North Carolina state deed, which require current and ongoing management for the increase of forest and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, the EBCI Natural Resources Department currently lacks the labor capacity, subject matter expertise, and proper certifications to sign and adequately implement forest management plans; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of adding this position is in Exhibit "B".

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 Forestry Administrative Officer position shall be added to the Natural Resources – Forestry Program, which is a net add of one position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the organizational chart in Exhibit "A" is approved, which reflects the position net add.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Office, Human Resources, and Office of Budget & Finance are authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

*Submitted by Josh Parris, Forestry Manager*