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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, NC

Date: OCT 30 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 30 (2025)

A resolution to enhance transparency in tribal governance

WHEREAS, In Cherokee Code Chapter 132 – Public Records, Section 2. Findings and Purpose, subsection A and B, reads as follows:

(a) The Tribe finds that it is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner. Toward this end, provisions of this Chapter must be construed so as to make it possible for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or their representatives, to have access to public records at a minimum cost and with minimum delay to the persons seeking access.

(b) Members and their representatives have a right to know the basis of the formulation of public policy. Therefore, it is the public policy of this Tribe that members shall be advised of the performance of public officials and of the decisions that are reached in public activity.

WHEREAS, The Tribal Operations Program has utilized Granicus Legistar, a comprehensive agenda and meeting management solution designed specifically for government organizations since about 2014; and

WHEREAS, Granicus Legistar streamlines the legislative process by managing documents, drafting files, and publishing agendas and minutes; and,

WHEREAS, Granicus Legistar has a public facing portal that can be imbedded in the Tribal Member Portal page to provide direct access to historical and current legislative records, documents, et cetera, to EBCI citizen users.

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 Tribal Council hereby direct the Tribal Operations Program (TOP), Information Technology (IT) Department, and other applicable tribal programs, to become trained in utilizing and maximizing the functionality of the Granicus Legistar program.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Council direct the IT Department to establish
2 public access to Granicus Legistar, through the Tribal Member Portal, and provide
3 for the greatest level of transparency in government activities, as permissible,
4 through the functionality of Granicus Legistar.
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6 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby
7 rescinded, that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the
8 Principal Chief, and that the Principal Chief be authorized to carry out the intent of
9 this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.
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11 *Submitted by:* Joseph Owle, Wolf Town Community
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