

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2025)

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to preserve our language and culture and any effort we are afforded to share with our youth is valuable and should be considered a priority, and,

WHEREAS, there is a need in the surrounding schools for more Cherokee culture, language and historical opportunities to be provided for the students, and,

WHEREAS, the E.B.C.I. budgets such departments, such as, Indian education to help fund programs through partnerships with the local school systems such as Graham County Schools, Swain County Schools, and Jackson County Schools, and,

WHEREAS, the children of Cherokee County Schools have been lacking in being offered such opportunities and there is a need to provide services to those students also, and,

WHEREAS, there is a funding source that may provide this opportunity for these children and provide more services, such as; Cherokee history, language and culture for our children away from the Qualla Boundary, and,

WHEREAS, that funding source would be the TABCC transfer to the Tribe derived from alcohol sales. Some of those proceeds are currently being transferred to Cherokee Central Schools, as established by Resolution 524 (2021); Res. 392 (2025)

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 finance shall create a percentage based formula of all enrolled E.B.C.I. students from each local school system, and that there be an allocation designated to be transferred to the General Fund to be transferred to the appropriate programs representing the E.B.C.I. students of each school that services are provided to, to be used to establish and/or promote new, or to enhance existing Cherokee history, language and cultural classes

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department work shall work on a process to present to Tribal Council for consideration within \_\_\_\_\_ days

36 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Finance Department shall carry out the intent of this  
37 resolution, and this resolution shall become effective upon ratification of the Principal Chief

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41 Submitted by: Adarn Wachacha, Snowbird/Cherokee County Council Representative, Bucky  
42 Brown, Snowbird/Cherokee County Representative, Tom Wahnetah, Yellowhill Council  
43 Representative, and Richard French, BigCove/Tow String Council Representative

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