

**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, Qualla Boundary (NC)**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, it has been historic tradition of the Cherokee people to esteem and honor the role of women within our tribe; and

WHEREAS, in our culture it has been customary to recognize especially unique women who have distinguished themselves among their peers as outstanding by virtue of their commitment to preserve our traditions and their positive impact upon the lives of the Cherokee people; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer, a member of the Big Cove community has dedicated her life to the preservation of the Cherokee culture and language by demonstrating and teaching countless children and adults the art of pottery making, serving as a foster grandparent, sharing stories and knowledge of traditional Cherokee dances and practices to anyone willing to learn; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer has been recognized for her artistic accomplishments and received the North Carolina Heritage Award in 1994, an honorary doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina-Asheville in 2005, the Mountain Heritage Award in 2009, was crowned Senior Miss Cherokee, honored by the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual with an exclusive exhibition of her work in the early 80's, featured in Anna Fariello's 2011 book Cherokee Pottery: From the Hands of Our Elders, and included in an exhibition of Folk Heritage Award-winning potters in 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present that in honor of Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer's commitment to the preservation of the Cherokee culture and language, Tribal Council hereby bestows the title of Beloved Woman of the Cherokee upon Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by Richard French, Big Cove Representative