

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, Cherokee Code (C.C.) Section 117-50(a) states that “Any lobbyist hired by Tribal government, Tribal entities or Tribal organizations must do so by way of approval through a resolution of Tribal Council.”

WHEREAS, the Tribe has for many years contracted with John Metcalf and the Policy Group, Inc., to lobby the North Carolina General Assembly and North Carolina state agencies on matters important to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s prior contract with John Metcalf and the Policy Group, Inc., has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has several pieces of legislation pending in the General Assembly and several matters that require the attention of state administrative agencies, and a disruption in service would be detrimental to the Tribe’s interests; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wants to enter a new contract with John Metcalf and the Policy Group, Inc., on substantially the same terms as the prior contract, to expire 30 days following final adjournment of this year’s short session of the North Carolina General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on January 9, 2018, the Tribe’s Business Committee approved entering the contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, hereby approves entry of a contract with John Metcalf and the Policy Group, Inc., upon substantially the same terms of the immediately preceding contract with that firm, to expire 30 days following final adjournment of this year’s short session of the North Carolina General Assembly unless the contract is renewed before it expires.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.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