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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

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Ordinance No. 56 (2017)

- WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has always respected their leaders and;
- WHEREAS, there is currently no protocol in the Cherokee Code for guidelines in the event of the death of an elected or appointed official within the three branches of Tribal Government and;
- WHEREAS, the following guidelines should be adopted and placed within our Cherokee Code to honor these individuals for their service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- 1.) Upon the death of any former or present elected official or Tribal Justice the flags should be lowered and flown at half staff and remain as such until the day after the burial
 - 2.) White wreaths shall be placed on the door of the Tribal Council House, Tribal Operations Program and/or the Tribal Justice Center
 - 3.) All Tribal Offices will close during the period of bereavement for:
 - a. Chief/Vice Chief of the EBCI – a period of 3 days
 - b. Tribal Council Member – the day of the burial
 - c. Member of the Judicial Branch – the day of the burial
 - 4.) If a sitting Council Member dies while in office a bouquet of white flowers should be placed at his or her respective seat during the period of bereavement
 - 5.) A Resolution of condolence may be acknowledged upon the return of the session following interment
 - 6.) All arrangements and protocol will confirm with the family wishes
 - 7.) The Tribal Flag Ceremony as adopted with Resolution No. 471 (2008) shall be followed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present that the following protocol be adopted and implemented and added to the Cherokee Code, Tribal Government Section 117, titled Bereavement Protocol

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective and implemented upon ratification by the Principal Chief

Submitted by: Tommye Saunooke, Painttown Council Representative