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

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO _____ 2018)

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 410 (2002), Cherokee Code Chapter §130B, the Tribal Council established the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (hereinafter "CIHA") and approved an independent governing board structure needed to ensure quality professional guidance and management of the Cherokee Indian Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Cherokee Indian Hospital and making recommendations to the Tribal Council to ensure the long term financial stability and continuity of that Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Section 130B (5)(f)(1) directs the CIHA to make recommendations, including cost/benefit analysis regarding the consolidation or reorganization of health programs for efficient management and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, the Principal Chief directed the CIHA and PHHS to perform a detailed analysis of the Tsali Care Center and present recommendations that;

- promote legal and regulatory compliance
- ensure adequate access to health care services,
- enhance or improve the quality of care provided,
- address the current challenges and opportunities, and
- minimizes disruptions to services for patients, and

WHEREAS, the CIHA and PHHS have collaboratively developed and implemented interim solutions to address the critical staffing challenges and have concluded that the CIHA would be better positioned to provide governance, oversight, and administrative support for the program; and

WHEREAS, the CIHA Governing Board has recommended a multi-year plan is necessary for a seamless and efficient transition which would include:

1. conducting a thorough and detailed analysis of the current program and opportunities to be carried out in the Summer of 2018,
2. transitioning all remaining Tsali Care employees to the CIHA to serve Tsali Care as contract staff effective October 2018, and
3. continued research and planning throughout fiscal year 2019, with a possible transition of the full program including all responsibilities and associated

resources effective October 1, 2019, subject to final approval by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Health Board, after extensive deliberation in a business session with a quorum present has formally recommended that Tribal Council support the recommendations of the CIHA and PHHS authorizing the continued planning and analysis and the transfer of staff effective October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 130B-17 (3) authorizes the CIHA and all Tribal programs to enter into agreements necessary for the delivery of health care services to the Cherokee people; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at a Council Assembly where a quorum is present, that all remaining staff of the Tsali Care Center shall be transferred to the CIHA effective October 1, 2018 and provided back to Tsali Care Center through an interagency agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CIHA and PHHS are directed to complete the due diligence and analysis necessary to recommend a timely transition of the management of Tsali Care Center to CIHA; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Principal Chief, PHHS, and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority are authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Submitted by. Tribal Health Board