Cherokee Council House Cherokee, North Carolina APR 0 5 2018 Date

Resolution No. 178 (2018)

- **WHEREAS,** The EBCI developed a Fishing Enterprise Program in 1964 in the waters on the Qualla Boundary, and;
- WHEREAS, One of these streams was Bunches Creek and none of the local residents were asked of their opinion on this matter of allowing non-Indians access across their holdings, and;
- WHEREAS, Tribal Members have a right to protect and manage their holdings by posting their holdings through a legal process of the BIA and Tribal Court, and;
- WHEREAS, there is a section of stream approximately 1 mile, that continues through Tribal Reserve, that was set aside for Tribal Members use only, and is part of the Enterprise waters now, and;
- WHEREAS, The residents along Bunches Creek and Big Cove Community have agreed and signed documents restricting non-Indian fishing on Bunches Creek and turning that section back to Tribal Member fishing only.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council assembled at which a quorum is present, that the Tribal Council hereby agrees that the fishing waters on Bunches Creek be restricted and removed from the Enterprise Waters, from the end of the pavement at Candler Ray Cooper's driveway to the last bridge on Bunches Creek.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these water remain as Indian Fishing Waters Only;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Director of the Enterprise Fishing Program carry out the intent of this resolution, by placing signs and notifying the fishing public of this change and that this resolution become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: John McCoy on behalf of residents of Upper Bunches Creek and and Big Cove Community Members

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\* From the Bridge above the Indian Creek Campground and the tribal a Christopher Callerin Monul Post 6. Dalton

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