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Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2018)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has made education a priority for all of its Tribal members; and,

WHEREAS, an important component of a diverse and balanced college educational experience is to have access for approval and funding of study abroad programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department has implemented policies that restrict access to recognized and qualified study abroad programs which limits students from participating in programs that otherwise would receive proper and full credit under their educational program of choice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council does hereby direct the Tribal Education Department to expand the definition of acceptable study abroad programs to include programs from the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) and other similar programs that provide qualified credit hours acceptable by the students primary university, college or school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expanded guidelines for study abroad shall not restrict students only to those programs sponsored or otherwise approved by the students' primary university, college or school.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Treasury shall identify and source funding for these expanded programs if necessary from Tribal Education department fund balances or any other available source.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of these expanded guidelines shall be retroactive for the 2017-2018 school year, and any and all students seeking approval for qualified study abroad programs shall be approved and fully funded for attendance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: Sara Sneed