

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2018)

- WHEREAS, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) is a national, non-profit organization focused on increasing the representation of American Indians, Alaska Natives; Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations and other indigenous peoples of North America in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies and careers. The overarching purpose of AISES is Native STEM workforce development in all sectors – corporate, governmental, nonprofit, and tribal; and
- WHEREAS, the two-day 2019 AISES Leadership Summit will be held Spring of 2019 to bring in top Native students and professionals to provide smaller and more targeted content to support leadership development and career development, so attendees will be more effective in pursuing STEM related careers; and
- WHEREAS, the Leadership Summit is an important component of AISES' full-circle of academic, personal, cultural and professional support to Native American college students who are majoring in STEM-related disciplines; and
- WHEREAS, the Qualla Education Collaborative (QEC) is a school and community action team, and works to strategically align current programs and plan future education initiatives that support career and college readiness for the youth of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). This work is fundamental for the well-being of our students and the economic growth and success of our tribal community; and
- WHEREAS, the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute in partnership with the QEC would like to host the 2019 AISES Leadership Summit here in Cherokee for the first time to endorse our combined efforts of supporting Native STEM workforce development from cradle to career and culturally-based leadership for youth, college undergraduates and adults;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, that a one-time donation of \$62,500.00 from the General Fund be awarded to the Cherokee Boys Club to support bringing the AISES Leadership Summit to Cherokee, NC in Spring 2019 contingent upon a match of \$62,500 being awarded to AISES by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians carries out the intent of this resolution and that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Submitted by:

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute in partnership with the Qualla Education Collaborative