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RESOLUTION NO. _____(2018)

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the establishment of a Tribal Coordinating Committee to develop and implement a Tribal Action Plan for comprehensive prevention and treatment for opioids, alcoholism and other substance use disorders is the first step in an official Tribal Action Plan process; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Tribe) finds that opioids, alcoholism and other substance use disorders affects the physical, mental, social, spiritual, and economic wellbeing of all Tribal members and other Native Americans living within the Tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe elects to coordinate resources and programs to combat the damaging effects of alcoholism and other substance use disorders, and take full advantage of the federal funding resources that an approved Tribal Action Plan would open up for the Tribe in its efforts to improve community outcomes and prevent the damaging effects of these substances, especially opioids; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC) will at a minimum have Tribal, federal, local and regional members with a Tribal representative selected from within this group by TCC members to serve as Chairman:

- Tribal partner representatives from the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee Tribal Court, Cherokee Boys Club, and Tribal government: Cherokee Indian Police Department and Public Health and Human Services
- federal partners from the Office of Justice Programs, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and others as appropriate
- local and regional partners from community organizations, youth organizations, businesses, faith based and non-profit organizations

TCC representatives are to be chosen from their individual entity, department, agency or organization; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Coordinating Committee will have full Tribal Council support with the authority to develop and implement a Tribal Action Plan and for on-going review and evaluation of the indicators and performance measures that will be key to providing information on the status of the community and the services provided under the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the combination of existing tribal resources with additional federal, local and regional resources is necessary to combat these problems; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council Assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Tribe is prioritizing opioid, alcoholism and substance use disorder prevention and treatment and is directing that a Tribal Action Plan be executed and implemented with guidance and supervision from the Tribal Coordinating Committee now authorized by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the key tribal government partners above join the Tribal Coordinating Committee and use a results-based accountability framework when designing and monitoring the implementation of the Tribal Action Plan.

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

*Submitted by: Office of the Attorney General and the
TAP Planning Committee: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, School Board;
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