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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) combined their technical and financial resources to purchase and deploy 30 Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN) weather stations to eligible Tribes and Nations to support agricultural operations and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) youth education; and

WHEREAS, weather variables, such as rainfall, soil moisture, and soil temperature are key to proper management and timing of agriculture operational decisions; and

WHEREAS, the data used from the SCAN weather stations will be used by the EBCI and federal partners to increase agricultural operations efficiencies and improve decision making during all aspects of the cropping and land use seasonal cycle; and

WHEREAS, the EBCI will grant NRCS access to install and to collect pertinent data and compete required analysis. Furthermore, the EBCI will also ensure the operation and safety of the equipment to the best of our abilities for the next 5 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Tribal Council approves the EBCI Natural Resources Program to accept SCAN weather stations to be installed on EBCI land to support local agricultural operations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief

Submitted by EBCI Natural Resources Program