

**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina**

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources Program works to conserve and enhance environmental quality of water and land resources for the Cherokee community; and,

WHEREAS, in the past, the EBCI has received financial support to improve environmental quality from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Services (USDA NRCS); and,

WHEREAS, the Statement of Work for Contribution Agreement between USDA NRCS and EBCI is a shared commitment to conservation of natural resources at the local level and advocate comprehensive resource management planning; and,

WHEREAS, both parties desire to cooperate to improve the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of the natural resource base; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to increase the efficiency of service delivery in specific program areas; and,

WHEREAS, there is a match required of \$222,402 of tribal funds over a 5 year period; and,

WHEREAS, the grant allows for \$309,166 in salaries for one new position over a 5 year period and to continue to receive these funds an application is required once the grant project is completed, if these funds aren't

awarded by the next fiscal year, Tribal Council is not obligated to fund this position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at which a quorum is present that the Natural Resources Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Works Division be authorized to submit an application package requesting funds up to \$150,000 to the USDA NCRS through the NCRS Program for fiscal years 2019 through 2023 for a total project cost of \$372,402; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: Grants Compliance Office on behalf of the Natural Resources Program.