

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
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Resolution No. _____ 2018

WHEREAS, there is currently several Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians programs that function under an overarching definition of "culture, language, historical preservation, museums, library," specifically:

- Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO):
 - Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
 - Tribal Archeologist
 - Archeologist Technician
 - Tribal Historical Site Keeper
 - NAGPRA Officer
 - Historic Preservation Specialist
- Junaluska Museum (closed now for more than two years)
 - 2 positions
- Donations to the Sequoyah Museum, Vonore, TN
- Donations to the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian
- Donations to the Moravian Archives, Winston-Salem, NC
- The Qualla Boundary Library houses a small collection of historical books and genealogy materials within a very limited space
 - Librarian
 - Other staff
- Kituwah Academy
 - Director
 - Teachers
 - Aides
 - Other staff
- Cherokee Language in the Cherokee Central Schools, Jackson, Swain, Graham County and Cherokee County schools
- Monthly Cherokee Speakers Meeting
- Cherokee Speakers Gathering, twice yearly in conjunction with Cherokee Nation and United Keetowah Band of Cherokee (travel to OK for joint meetings, support for when meeting is in Cherokee)
- WCU Sequoyah Distinguished Professorship
 - One Professor; and

WHEREAS, all of these programs are supported financially, in some manner, by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and there is individual supervision but no overarching mission, goals and collaboration or coordination concerning culture, history, and historical education and all programs need better interaction between the programs; and

WHEREAS, there has been a prolonged discussion over a span of 15 years or more about an "archival building" and is now in a 5-year plan; and

- WHEREAS, there is no one central area or location for historical education and development, no one central location for historical research, no repository for new information, no program to purchase rare and new books about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, no repository for new research, no repository for new archeological findings, no repository for private collections; and, little interaction between the various Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians programs to work together; and
- WHEREAS, Cherokee history should be taught in the Cherokee Central Schools, grades 3-8, with a required credit for graduation in Cherokee History; however, there are no Cherokee history books written appropriately for the elementary, middle or high school curriculum; and
- WHEREAS, there is no Interpretative signs on the Qualla Boundary, no educational kiosks describing the Boundary and the location of historical events, activities and places; and,
- WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has 8 Secretaries but no Secretary for Historic Education, Culture or Language, there is no central location or area for History, Education and Culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Annual Council assembled, at which quorum is present, that the Tribal Council Indians appoint a Work Group to explore the following items and establish in the 2020 Budget: and subsequently implement the program in October 2020:

1. A budget will be identified of a minimum of \$10 million dollars to support the Historic Education, Culture and Language Division
2. A Fulltime Secretary of Historic Education, Culture and Language will be hired to establish a cohesive working relationship between such Eastern Band of Cherokee tribal programs that are already in existence, and
3. Establish a specific Board with specific timelines, goals and objectives to oversee the establishment and planning for an appropriate program with a building to house not only archives but also staff offices, meeting rooms, auditorium, library, repository space, displays, etc.
4. Snowbird and Cherokee counties must be included in the planning efforts,
5. Establish a budget in 2020 for the following positions:
 - Secretary with requisite educational requirements and experience,
 - An appropriate number of professional positions including:
 - Anthropologists
 - Archeologists
 - Tribal Historic Preservation Office
 - Language Director
 - Education Director
 - Cultural Specialists
 - IRB Officer
 - Research and Development Officer
 - Collections Specialist
 - Genealogist
 - School Education Director for History

- Director of Cherokee Language in Schools
- Curriculum Development Specialists
- Cartography Specialist
- Survey Crew
- IT specialists, graphic artists, website developers, videographers, sound and production managers and assistants,
- Researchers, educators, aides
- Librarian, library aide
- Curators, Archivists
- And appropriate number of support staff
- Facility, utilities and future expansion
- Funding to purchase all needed audiovisual equipment, office equipment, computer and digital needs
- Funding to purchase historical collections, early Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians arts and crafts, books, films, videos, research articles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Principal Chief is the authority designated to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Submitted by: Mary Gloyne Wachacha
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