

**Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina**

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2018)

WHEREAS, the Rough Branch Gym in the Wolfstown Community has been left vacant and unused for quite some time now, it is sitting empty, and deteriorating and;

WHEREAS, because of the location of the housing development and the distance it sometimes feels as though the community at Rough Branch isn't included in emergency preparedness plans and;

WHEREAS, since 2014 several resolutions have been presented to Tribal Council and have passed with the intent of emergency substations being established for the residents of Rough Branch, and;

WHEREAS, to date nothing has been implemented and the gym is sitting there unused and of no service to the enrolled members who reside in the Rough Branch Community, and;

WHEREAS, there are many elders and many children who reside in the Rough Branch Community who could benefit from the gymnasium being open for any of the above mentioned projects and;

WHEREAS, just recently in November the entire housing community was without power, during the coldest part of the month, and there is a significant temperature change at that elevation compared to downtown Cherokee and,

WHEREAS, there are emergency shelters established at all of the local gymnasiums in Cherokee in the event of inclement weather but there is not a shelter for the people of Rough Branch and,

WHEREAS, when inclement weather hits Rough Branch is usually the first to be hit and residents are unable to leave their homes and drive down the mountain to use the shelters in Wolfstown, Painttown, Birdtown and Big Y

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present that Tribal Council hereby instruct the Emergency Management Program, Facilities Management and any other necessary program required to carry out the intent of Resolution No. 708 (2017) and Resolution No. 269 (2014) and create an Emergency Services Substation and also implement an emergency shelter in the Rough Branch Gymnasium for the residents in the Rough Branch Community to utilize

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if this project is unable to be implemented then Tribal Council and Executive shall find the funding within the Budget to provide generators for every home in the Rough Branch Community so that all enrolled members residing on the mountain will have emergency preparedness in the event that it is needed

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chief's Office and Chairman of Tribal Council and Director of Finance are hereby instructed to carry out the intent of this resolution and this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief

Submitted by: Diane Sancak, concerned enrolled member and resident of the Rough Branch Community