Cherokee Council House Cherokee, North Carolina
Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____(2018)

- WHEREAS, The Qualla Boundary has no laws to harvest ginseng and Tribal Council shall adopt a resolution to protect ginseng from extinction; and
- WHEREAS, Cherokee and non-Cherokee's on the Qualla Boundary are harvesting ginseng all summer before the plant can produce seeds; and
- WHEREAS, Council shall establish ginseng season from September 1 to December 1, 2019 and ever year thereafter; and
- WHEREAS, in the past, local stores, Cherokee individuals, and non-Indians are selling and buying before the ginseng season starts in North Carolina.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council Assembled, at which a quorum is present that a permit system on the Qualla Boundary shall charge \$10.00 for Cherokee individuals, store owners \$500.00, non-Cherokee that buy on the Qualla Boundary \$600.00; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-Cherokee caught gathering ginseng without a permit will be fined \$500.00 and have the ginseng confiscated.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cherokee Indians caught gathering ginseng without a permit will be fined \$200.00 and have the ginseng confiscated.
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Qualla Boundary shall enforce this resolution through the Natural Resources Office, and the Natural Resources Office shall be able to search individuals, Cherokee and non-Cherokee, and known stores, for illegal ginseng from July to September.

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