

Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2018)

- WHEREAS;** The EBCI and Southern Appalachian Man and Biosphere (SAMAB) have partnered since the Chief Youngdeer administration to protect and manage natural resources in the Southern Appalachian Region; and
- WHEREAS;** SAMAB is a multi-agency partnership consisting of federal and state entities, regional universities and other natural resource non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS;** The EBCI's Natural Resource Department and EBCI community members have been involved in the creation of the attached Culturally Significant Plant Initiative (CSPI) to enhance collaboration and prioritize the EBCI's perspective and use of culturally significant plants and tree species within the SAMAB region; and
- WHEREAS;** The CSPI would support EBCI Natural Resources program objectives by expanding partnerships and implementing culturally significant plant conservation initiatives utilizing modern scientific research and EBCI Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
- WHEREAS;** SAMAB and the CSPI respects the relationship the EBCI has with these trees and plants by honoring the privacy of sensitive information and requiring the consent of the EBCI before any information or publication is released as stated in the attached document; and
- WHEREAS;** The EBCI reserves the right to end its participation in the CSPI should we feel our culture or traditional knowledge are not being properly respected or the collaboration is not meeting the EBCI's sovereign objectives.

**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 approves the Culturally Significant Plant Initiative and supports participation by the Natural Resource Department and Tribal Community; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources