

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, the goal of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Office of Environment & Natural Resources (OENR) is to protect, preserve and ensure the wise utilization of the limited natural resources located on Tribal lands for the Cherokee people; and

WHEREAS, the OENR also protects critical natural ecological systems, biological diversity, cultural resources, and the availability of food and clean water; and

WHEREAS, the OENR has identified a funding source from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station (USFS); and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to integrate research and outreach to create a knowledge base and institutional structure for long term sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products, including those used in Cherokee arts, as well as build on EBCI's Office of Environment & Natural Resources existing research program and data sets, extend understanding of unique cultural human-environment relationships and forest management focused on the specific cultural needs and interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the EBCI OENR is required to commit 20% In-Kind match of the project total, \$36,000, with that amount totaling \$7,200; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled where a quorum is present that the Office of Environment & Natural Resources program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Agriculture and Natural Resources Division be authorized to apply and accept funds from the United States Forest Service (USFS) and receive funds up to \$25,000 for the period of 5/1/19-4/30/2021.

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Indians is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

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