

**Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina**

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**Date**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)**

**WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is eligible and wish to participate in the prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities, and to achieve and maintain compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards through the United State Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Program (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); and

**WHEREAS,** the PREA grant provides grants to jurisdictions and agencies nationwide to “protect inmates and safeguard communities. Funding is available for units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS,** the EBCI will utilize funding through BJA to increase staffing capacity, to hire or train a PREA coordinator, to create policies, procedures and practices that establish a “zero tolerance” culture for sexual abuse, and to develop more extensive PREA training for all detention officers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Correction programs project period is 10/1/2019 – 09/30/2021 and the grant budget allows for \$112,528.00 in salaries and \$34,402.00 in fringe and to continue to receive these funds a continuation application is required once the grant project is complete; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Corrections Program shall commit a 50% match totaling \$129,387.00 from General Fund; 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 Correction Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Police Division be authorized to apply and accept funds from the DOJ-OJP-BJA and receive up to \$258,774.00 for FY20.

**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Indians is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 Correction Program.