

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date

Resolution No. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, the goal of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Program 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 American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (AIC) began accepting proposals for projects to improve health and wellness in NC American Indian communities through the Healthy Native North Carolinians Network (HNNC); and

WHEREAS, with generous support from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the AIC will work directly with tribes and urban Indian organizations providing culturally relevant technical assistance, capacity building workshops and gatherings to promote intertribal sharing of knowledge around health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, the AIC will be selecting nine (9) organizations to receive Community Awards of \$18,000 for the two-year grant period (\$9,000 each year); and

WHEREAS, that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Program will utilize these grant funds to focus on the following areas: activities that integrate mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being; Tribal infrastructure improvements; cultural revitalization and preservation activities; activities and educational programming that promotes indigenous ecological knowledge; land conservation and increasing access to natural areas; practices and policies to increase access to healthy local foods and physical activities; equipment, supplies, and strategies to sustain health and wellness programming; and human resource development; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Budget does not allow for salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Native North Carolinians Network (HNNC) grant does not require a match; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at which a quorum is present that the Natural Resources Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians be authorized to submit an application package and accept AIC/NCBCBS funding, up to the amount of \$18,000.00 on behalf of the Healthy Native North Carolinians Network (HNNC) grant for FY19 and FY20.

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

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