

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2018, Tribal Council passed three related resolutions recognizing heirs and providing for the distribution of the possessory holdings that were part of the estate of Thomas Queen (deceased December 21, 1992) and part of the estates of his two heirs, as follows: Resolution No. 350 recognized the Estate of Belinda Lee Queen and the Estate of Reginald James Queen as the heirs of Thomas Queen; Resolution No. 351 recognized the Estate of Reginald James Queen, Melvin Thomas Long, and the Estate of Henry Allen Long as the heirs of Belinda Lee Queen (deceased August 20, 1995); and Resolution No. 352 recognized Jessica Lynn Queen as the heir of Reginald James Queen (deceased, April 26, 2012); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Realty Service Office has discovered new information about two of Thomas Queen's possessory holdings that require correction to the Tribe's realty records regarding his possessory holdings and the possessory holdings of the two people who inherited from him, Belinda Lee Queen and Reginald James Queen; and

WHEREAS, the first correction is to the reference in Resolution No. 350 (2018) that Thomas Queen only had a 1/3 interest in Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 614 containing 4.151 acres, more or less. He actually had 100% of the ownership interest in that parcel when he died and Parcel No. 614 actually contained 3.594 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the second correction is to the reference in Resolution No. 350 (2018) to Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 819, which was identified as being part of Thomas Queen's estate when he died. After the resolutions identified above were passed by Tribal Council, the Tribal Realty Office was informed that Thomas Queen had assigned Parcel No. 819 to Qualla Housing Authority for a house, and due to his default on the QHA contract, QHA had become the owner of the parcel and had re-assigned it (and the house thereon) to another enrolled member. This re-assignment was not recorded in the Realty Office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Realty Services Office requests Tribal Council to approve this resolution to correct the applicable realty records, and to require that a copy of this resolution be included in the possessory holding files of the subject parties for future reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council Assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council of the Eastern

1 Band of Cherokee Indians that the possessory holding records of the Tribal Realty
2 Service Office, and of Thomas Queen, Belinda Lee Queen, and Reginald James
3 Queen are corrected as follows:
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5 (1) Thomas Queen (deceased December 21, 1992) had 100% of the ownership
6 interest in Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 614 when he died, and Belinda
7 Lee Queen and Reginald James Queen each inherited an undivided interest
8 therein. Therefore, the heirs of Belinda Lee Queen and the heirs of Reginald
9 James Queen shall be assigned the following interests in **Wolfetown**
10 **Community Parcel No. 614**, containing 3.594 acres, more or less:
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- 12 (a) 2/3rd Undivided Interest to Jessica Lynn Queen (enrolled) (heir of
13 Reginald James Queen);
14 (b) 1/6th Undivided Interest to Melvin Thomas Long (enrolled) (heir of
15 Belinda Lee Queen);
16 (c) 1/6th Undivided Interest to Estate of Henry Allen Long (heir of Belinda
17 Lee Queen).
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19 (2) Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 819 was not owned by Thomas Queen when
20 he died and the parcel was not a part of his estate.
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Committee and the Tribal Realty Services
23 are hereby authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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25 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED any portion of Resolution No. 350 (September 6, 2018), Resolution
26 No. 351 (September 6, 2018) and Resolution No. 352 (September 6, 2018) that are
27 inconsistent with this resolution are hereby rescinded.
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29 *Submitted by: Tribal Realty Services.*
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