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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, the goal of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Natural Resources 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 water quality office is responsible for enforcing Tribal Ordinances and maintaining compliance with applicable Federal laws, monitoring and maintaining water quality standards on Tribal Lands, and

WHEREAS, the demand for these programs has consistently increased with the rapid rate of development on Tribal Lands, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Water Quality office has identified a need for testing the potential for harmful algal blooms in Tribal waters. Water quality monitoring data from the USGS gauging station and FluoroProbe III combined will provide the tribe with the necessary information to assess the potential for harmful algal blooms to occur in the Oconaluftee River system and identify riverine areas of concern that may be remediated by targeted natural resources management activities to improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, no salaries will be paid out of this grant; and

WHEREAS, there is no match required; and

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 the Natural Resources Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians be authorized to apply and accept funds from the BIA up to \$71,141.00 for FY20.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 Office of Environment & Natural Resources.