

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina
Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO _____ (2019)

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council regulates the management of real and personal property held by the tribe.
- WHEREAS, section 130B of the Cherokee Code established the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) as an independent governing board and approved the CIHA to assume responsibility for the direction of the Cherokee Indian Hospital and other health programs as delegated to the CIHA by the Tribal Council.
- WHEREAS, Resolution 263 (2018) approved \$100,000 to the CIHA for the evaluation and planning of a comprehensive continuum of long-term care services for Tribal Elders that hasn't been used.
- WHEREAS, Resolution 210 (2018) transferred management of Tsali Care to the CIHA.
- WHEREAS, the high demand for senior care on tribal lands (which hold 44% of American Indians over 50 years) alongside an increasing population of American Indian Elders (2.5 times more American Indian Elders in 2030 than 2012) raises concerns that our current adult care facilities will be unable to support the growing needs of our tribe (EXHIBIT A).
- WHEREAS, the Tsali Care Center is outdated as is and in desperate need of a new facility due to several factors, including but not limited to having structures that are outdated compared to other senior nursing facilities, experiencing flooding in some areas due to below grade location, having limited access for deliveries only through the front door, and lacking private rooms (EXHIBIT A).
- WHEREAS, the community is in great need of additional services for Elders including but not limited to assisted living, improved memory care, and adult day services.

WHEREAS, the Tsali Care Center does not deal with the demand of adult day services due to its focus on nursing services and memory care.

WHEREAS, Resolution 205 (2004) approved the construction of an adult day services facility whenever needed by families upon completion of a feasibility study, given the project is found to be viable.

WHEREAS, an adult day services facility has yet to be established, and there is no evidence that a feasibility study has been completed.

WHEREAS, memory care services are currently available at Tsali Care, but they currently lack the ability to fulfill the demands of the community.

WHEREAS, consulting a private adult care company for guidance in constructing an adult care complex would be beneficial to guarantee the efficiency and ability of an adult care complex for the EBCI.

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for Elders using two or more of the aforementioned facilities that the Dialysis Center, Tsali Care, Adult Day Services, Memory Care, and Assisted Living facilities reside in close proximity to one another.

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for Elders using any of the aforementioned facilities if the facilities reside in close proximity to the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

WHEREAS, Resolution 695 (2001) authorized the purchase of parcel 669 containing 3.9 acres from Myrtle Lashomb and Hugh Wm. Lashomb to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, parcel 669 resides in close distance to the Cherokee Indian Hospital that would be convenient for the location of a Senior Wellness Complex.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians where a quorum is present that the necessary steps be taken to create a centralized Senior Wellness Complex that houses the Tsali Care, Adult Day Services, Assisted Living, Dialysis Care, and Memory Care facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senior Wellness Complex shall be built on parcel 669 under the oversight of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the planning and construction of the Senior Wellness Complex will be done with the consultation from a private adult care company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the completed facility will be managed and upheld by the CIHA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief, CIHA, and the Planning Committee are authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Submitted by: Bo Crowe, Wolfstown Council Representative, Albert Rose, Birdtown Council Representative, and Dr. Blythe Winchester