

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO _____ (2019)

WHEREAS, sec. 115-10. of the Cherokee Code states that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program (KPEP) is committed to preserving the language, heritage, and culture of the EBCI.

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared for the Cherokee language on June 27th, 2019 by the Cherokee Tri-Council.

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Tri-Council was only able to identify 211 individuals fluent in Cherokee from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous for language preservation if each household on the Qualla Boundary contained at least one Cherokee Language Book.

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous if a CD came with each book that could provide assistance with pronunciation and auditory recognition.

WHEREAS, there is an average of 4.5 residents per household on the Qualla Boundary and about 8,000 total residents, about 1,777 book and CD sets would be ideal to distribute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians where a quorum is present that \$37,423 (\$35,646 for books, \$1,777 for CDs) be allocated for the printing of approximately 1,777 Cherokee Language books.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the book and CD sets will be distributed to each household on the Qualla Boundary by mail under the supervision of the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: Jeremy Wilson, Wolftown/Big Y Community Representative and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed