
Date

Resolution No. _____ (2019)

WHEREAS the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians honors those who devote themselves to defending the United States of America in the Armed Forces past, present, and future and;

WHEREAS many Americans are unaware of the exceptional military service performed by Native Americans and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) is leading the charge to recognize their dedication and sacrifice and;

WHEREAS as commissioned by the United States Congress, the NMAI will establish a National Native American Veterans Memorial on its grounds, in the heart of Washington, DC. Situated on the National Mall, a place that draws nearly 24 million visitors annually, the memorial will honor American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and symbolize the country's respect for Native Americans' service and patriotism; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in FY2017 contributed \$250,000.00 and further committed an additional \$250,000.00 toward this remarkable and honorable project.

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 amount of \$250,000.00 is authorized to be contributed to the National Museum of the American Indian Native American Veterans Memorial from the fund balance of the tribe's General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contribution is made on behalf of all Cherokee Veterans past, present and future in honor of their courage, sacrifice, and service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief and the Principal Chief shall carry out the intent of this resolution.

Submitted by: Richard G. Sneed, Principal Chief
Veteran, United States Marine Corps