

Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)

WHEREAS, the National Native American Bar Association was founded in 1973 as the only national organization representing and comprised of Native American attorneys, judges and professors of Indian law.

WHEREAS, The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) works to address the social, cultural, and legal issues that affect American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian peoples (hereinafter "Native"). NNABA also fosters the development of Native lawyers to serve the needs of Native peoples, communities and Indian nations. Members of NNABA are tribal citizens and advocates for tribal interests and share the communal responsibility of protecting the sovereignty of Indian Nations

WHEREAS, the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) conducted the first-of-its-kind study of Native American attorneys. entitled "The Pursuit of Inclusion: An In-Depth Exploration of the Experiences and Perspectives of Native American Attorneys in the Legal Profession. " which was the first comprehensive picture of the issues confronting Native American attorneys across all settings – including private practice; government practice in state, federal and tribal arenas; the judiciary; corporate legal departments; and academia.

WHEREAS, NNABA also provides scholarships, funding and assistance to Native American law students to cover costs of law school, admission fees, and fees associated with bar licensure and bar study courses.

WHEREAS, NNABA is a not for profit organization comprised of volunteer members who act as leaders of the organization so that all funds allocated to NNABA can be used to further the education of Native American attorneys and protection of sovereignty and other issues through amicus briefs, educational programs, judicial outreach, and pipeline programs.

WHEREAS, NNABA's success depends largely on contributions from its members, corporate sponsors and tribes to ensure its stability and continuing success.

WHEREAS, NNABA's current President Robert Osley Saunooke has been traveling the country bringing attention to missing and murdered Native women, tribal voting rights, judicial diversity and requesting financial assistance from Tribes to help meet the funding and scholarship goals of NNABA and to this end seeks the assistance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to join other Tribes in supporting NNABA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Tribal Council approves a contribution of \$25,000.00 to be paid to NNABA in five (5) equal yearly installments of \$5,000.00 each.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Committee shall carry out the intent of this resolution and this resolution shall become effective upon the ratification.

Submitted by: Robert Osley Saunooke, Esq.  
President National Native American Bar  
Association