

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina
Date: _____

Resolution No. _____ (2020)

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment & Natural Resources (OENR) protects, preserves and ensures the wise utilization of the limited natural resources located on Tribal lands for the Cherokee people; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal agency offering financial assistance to plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns or opportunities to save energy and improve soil, water, plant, air, animal and related resources on agricultural lands and non-industrial forest land; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment & Natural Resources has identified an ongoing need for a wide variety of conservation practices on Tribal lands which include these funding programs but are not limited to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP); and

WHEREAS, no salaries will be paid out of these funds; and

WHEREAS, there will be no match required for these funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled where a quorum is present that the Office of Environment & Natural Resources Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Agriculture and Natural Resources Division apply for and accept funds from NRCS EQIP and CSP programs along with other NRCS funding opportunities that do not require a Tribal match or salaries as they become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution that this will be a continuing resolution and that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians agrees to accept these funds as external funds that are distributed with no requirement of additional cash match other than their approved Tribal budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of the resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: The Grants & Compliance Office on behalf of the Office of Environment & Natural Resources