

Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has identified the need of acquiring land for Tribal protection of the Cowee Mound viewshed, community forest use, and other Tribal needs; and

WHEREAS, Mainspring Conservation Trust, a 501 (c) 3 organization, has offered to sell the EBCI the 14.57-acre Hall Branch tract for a purchase price of \$145,700. This tract can be found in the Macon County Registry Deed Book E-31, page 570 and PIN is 6587075010. In addition, Mainspring Conservation Trust will broker to the EBCI the sale of two privately owned tracts. The Lambert property, purchase price of \$20,760, is a 1.73-acre tract fully described in Macon County Registry Deed Book X-27, page 344 and PIN is 6577968899. The Moberg property, purchase price of \$48,120, is a 4.01-acre tract fully described in Macon County Registry Deed Book J-36, page 678 and PIN is 6577975034. Purchase price total is \$214,580. Together these properties connect the southeast side of the current Hall Mountain Community Forest to the Little Tennessee River; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment & Natural Resources (OENR) is requesting to apply for a grant under the USDA Community Forest and Open Space Program in the amount of \$119,021.50, which will provide 50% of the funding for the land purchase and total transaction costs; and

WHEREAS, the EBCI shall provide for public access and community use of the tracts as added to the Hall Mountain Community Forest, including economic, educational, recreational, ecological, gathering, and cultural heritage benefits according to the Community Forest Plan to be updated by the EBCI's community and agencies within 120 days of purchase. The EBCI's participation in the Community Forestry

and Open Space Program will preclude any residential, industrial, and commercial uses of the tract as stated by the Federal program regulations.

WHEREAS, the grant budget does not allow for salaries; and

WHEREAS, the that the Office of Environment & Natural Resources is required to commit 50% of the total budget amount (\$238,043) totaling \$119,021.50 from Endowment II as a match; 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 is authorized to coordinate and submit an application to USDA for the Community Forest and Open Space Program grant. Upon the award of this grant, the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of the Hall Branch, Moberg and Lambert tracts totaling 20.31 acres, for the total purchase price of \$238,043.

	USDA Grant	Endowment II	TOTAL
Land Purchase	\$107,290	\$107,290	\$214,580
Transaction Cost	\$11,731.50	\$11,731.50	\$23,463
TOTAL	\$119,021.50	\$119,021.50	\$238,043

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 Program.