

**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)**

WHEREAS, "BIA Building No. 1" has a street address of 257 Tsali Boulevard on trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina, and is located adjacent to the U.S. Highway 441 and Upper Cherokee Parcel Number 661, known as Unity Field, and currently houses the Cherokee Agency headquarters of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Tribal Realty Services office, and the Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, BIA Building No. 1 is owned and controlled by the United States represented locally by the Cherokee Agency; and

WHEREAS, the BIA is prepared to declare Building No. 1 as surplus property and to transfer it to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, Building No. 1 has fallen into disrepair and upon transfer, the Tribe intends to make repair and upgrades to use as office and storage space for the Tribal Realty Services Division to accommodate its current work, as well as added duties and responsibilities under the future P.L. 93-638 contract to assume the Cherokee Agency's realty program, and provide office space for the Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Tribe, through Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, sent a Letter of Intent to the BIA requesting that Building No. 1 be transferred, which is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Letter of Intent by Principal Chief Sneed, the BIA has asked Tribal Council to express in an official resolution that the Tribe requests the BIA to declare Building No. 1 as surplus property and to transfer all right, title and interest to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council Assembled at which a quorum is present, that the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hereby officially requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs transfer to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians all right, title and interest in BIA Building No. 1, located at 257 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee, North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians also requests the associated funding for operations and maintenance of Building No. 1, Maintenance Worker (WG-4749-07 1010007), and enough of the surrounding

47 grounds, as illustrated in the Tribe's Letter of Intent and accompanying map and  
48 photographs, to allow for vehicle parking and normal access to and maintenance  
49 of BIA Building No. 1, including use of the loading dock and all entry and exit  
50 doors.

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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the vehicle parking area immediately surrounding BIA  
53 Building No. 1 will continue to be a shared-use parking area, such use being  
54 shared by the Tribe and the Cherokee Agency.

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56 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Principal Chief and Tribal Realty Services are  
57 authorized to take such actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this  
58 resolution.

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60 Submitted by: Office of the Principal Chief and Tribal Realty Services