

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2022)

*A resolution to prepare for the 22<sup>nd</sup> century in light of new climate science data, phase 1.*

WHEREAS, our people have inhabited this planet and landscape for thousands of years prior to colonial contact; and,

WHEREAS, technological advancements and cultural supplantation has drastically changed our way of life and is altering our biosphere; and,

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Sixth Assessment Report, Working Group 1: The Physical Science Basis report released in August 2021 addresses the most up-to-date physical understanding of the climate system and climate change, bringing together the latest advances in climate science, and combining multiple lines of evidence from paleoclimate, observations, process understanding, and global and regional climate simulations; and,

WHEREAS, scientist are observing changes in the earth's climate in every region and across the whole climate system and many of the changes observed in the climate are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of years, are some of the changes already set in motion, such as continued sea level rise, are irreversible; and,

WHEREAS, the report signals that we, of a human species, are unequivocally responsible for widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in the average global temperature is resulting in more frequent and more intense weather patterns, in addition to reductions in Artic sea ice, snow cover and permafrost, that is impacting our lives now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee outlook for future generations is to plan for seven generations in advance to ensure our progeny and descendants are able to enjoy the same level opportunities in the future, or greater, and that the environment in which we occupy will be as fruitful then as is it now; and

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

1 Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief, to set reasonable targets for  
2 reducing carbon emissions from all aspects of tribal operations.

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following goals be established to reduce tribal operations  
5 cumulative emissions:

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7 - Set a target of achieving 50 % of new tribal fleet purchases to be full electric  
8 or hybrid vehicles.  
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10 - Install (20) electrical vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Qualla  
11 Boundary and at tribal buildings by 2024.  
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13 - Invest in (2) Motor Pool staff to become certified for maintenance for electric  
14 and hybrid vehicles.  
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16 - Assess opportunities for new building construction projects be designed in a  
17 manner that maximizes energy efficiency and renewable energy applications.  
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19 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby  
20 rescinded, that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal  
21 Chief, and that the Principal Chief be authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution,  
22 which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.  
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24 *Submitted by: Joseph Owle, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources*  
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