

# North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

## Cherokee Ball Team Resolution

No. 2018-002

A resolution in recognition, honor, and support of the Cherokee High School (Qualla Boundary/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) football team, the Cherokee Braves, and their winning of the statewide NCHSAA 1-A Football Championship title.

WHEREAS, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are original inhabitants of what is now known as western North Carolina, having lived in the region for more than 12,000 years;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1990 Cherokee Central Schools became a tribally operated school system, operated by The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe in North Carolina;

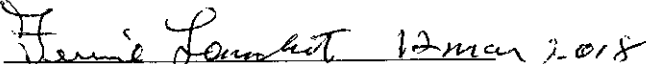
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has authorized the Cherokee School Board to operate the schools under a P.L. 100-297 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE);

WHEREAS, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have approximately 1,300 students in grades K-12. The schools are accredited by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs/BIE, the State of North Carolina, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1989, the Cherokee Award of Excellence, an honor earned by approximately 200 schools in the entire United States was awarded to Cherokee High School. The reservation schools provide and maintain the tribe's proud and sacred American Indian heritage;

WHEREAS, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' Cherokee High School football team made history by being the only tribally operated Indian school in North Carolina to celebrate the winning of the NCHSAA 1-A State Championship Trophy following their December 9, 2017 victory over North Duplin High School.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs recognizes and honors the successes of the Cherokee Braves, and adopts this Resolution of Support for the team regarding their recent accomplishment.

This resolution was adopted by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, during its quarterly meeting held on March 1, 2018, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

  
Furnie Lambert, Chairman.

  
Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairperson 3/29/18