

Committee: Community Service  
Date: 6-6-17

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**RESOLUTION NO. 44-17**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE  
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE ELDER NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America, and

**WHEREAS**, the prevalence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation concerns are a developing issue among tribal communities and is an increasing unmet need in tribal communities, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing technical assistance, the NIEJI Innovation Program is expected to research and disseminate the results of the research, and

**WHEREAS**, The NIEJI Innovation Program is asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement to identify elder maltreatment issues of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the NIEJI Innovation program and the Cherokee Nation will each assume responsibilities:

What the NIEJI Innovation program will provide:

- Native Elder Maltreatment Survey
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers via email or telephone
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What Cherokee Nation will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation with Native Elder Maltreatment survey as applicable
- An estimated number of elders (participants) to interview
- Volunteer interviewers to conduct the survey
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and the Executive Director of Human Services

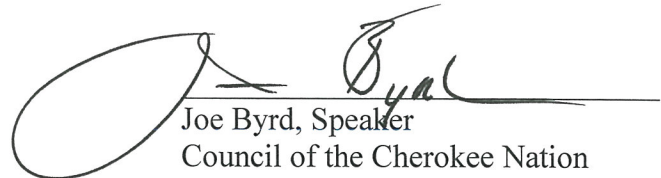
**WHEREAS**, Summary information from your elder maltreatment survey along with a national comparison report will be returned to the Tribal Council and to Marsha Lamb, Human Services Executive Director, and

**WHEREAS**, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Cherokee Nation tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this survey will be collected anonymously by Human Services employees with the information stored at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

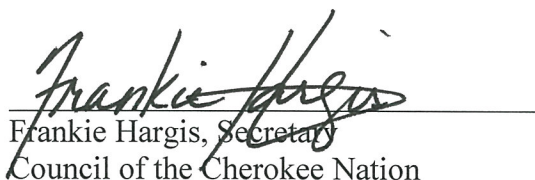
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Cherokee Nation hereby authorizes participation in the "Native Elder Maltreatment Survey" and grants permission to the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Innovation Program at the Center for Rural Health at University of North Dakota to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

### CERTIFICATION

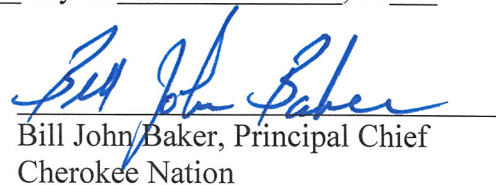
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
Joe Byrd, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

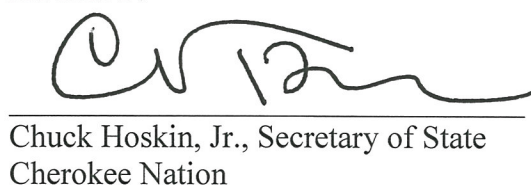
**ATTEST:**

  
Frankie Hargis, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 21 day of June, 2017.

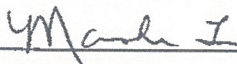

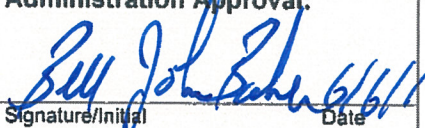
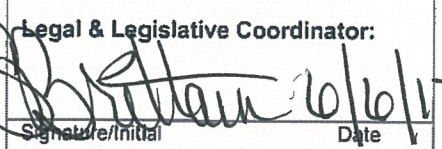
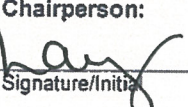
  
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

Act       Resolution

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</b>	
Dept./Program: <b>Human Services</b>	
 Signature/Initial	6-1-17 Date
<b>Executive Director: Marsha Lamb</b>	
 Signature/Initial	6-1-17 Date
<b>Treasurer: (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets)</b>	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Government Relations:</b>	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Administration Approval:</b>	
 Signature/Initial	6/6/17 Date
<b>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</b>	
<b>Legal &amp; Legislative Coordinator:</b>	
 Signature/Initial	6/6/17 Date
<b>Standing Committee &amp; Date:</b>	
Community Service	
Chairperson:	6/19/17 Date
 Signature/Initial	Date

**TITLE:**

A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Participations in a Nationwide National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Elder Needs Assessment

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:**

**RESOLUTION PRESENTER:**

Marsha Lamb,  
Human Services Executive Director

**COUNCIL SPONSOR:**

Bryan Warner

**NARRATIVE:**

The Resolution authorizes Cherokee Nation Human Services to participate in a nationwide National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Elder Needs Assessment to identify elder maltreatment issues of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders.

The survey is produced by and will be conducted in partnership with the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) Innovation Program at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota. All data will be collected anonymously, be confidential and will be kept in locked file cabinets at Cherokee Nation Human Services and at NIEJI. Data will be destroyed after a period of three years.

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