

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-09**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2009  
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) GRANT PROGRAM TO THE  
UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised its 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is desirous to utilize the skills and capacity of its citizens as individuals and as communities in the development and provisions of services to its citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is desirous to provide services and improve these conditions through the volunteer tax preparations in Cherokee communities;

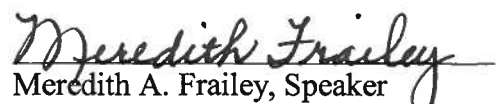
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service has announced the competition for VITA Grant for tax preparation which requires certain submittals.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the submission of a grant application, including any required or relevant submissions, certifications, and the grant approval to request in the amount of \$53,971 of VITA Grant funds, the total grant application request is \$124,061. This grant will serve the hard-to-reach Native Americans and Cherokee communities, both urban and non-urban, will increase the capacity to file income tax returns electronically, heighten quality controls, improve significantly the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites in Cherokee communities, provide two tax preparations training to volunteers, and to attend volunteer tax preparation conference;

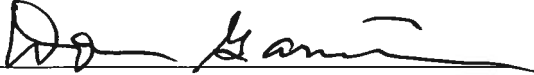
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Cherokee Nation commits \$70,090 in matching funds for dollar for dollar match VITA funds, there is no cash match involved, it will be all matched with donated volunteers and personnel salaries, fringe benefits, travel time, equipment, supplies, donated office space and other sites, and other inkind costs.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 13th day of July, 2009, having 14 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays; 0 abstaining.

  
Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

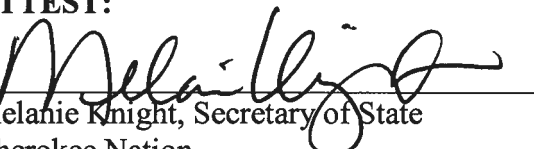
  
Don Garvin, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

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<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</u></b>	
<b>Program/Project Manager:</b>	
<i>Pamela D. Bakke</i>	<i>7/13/09</i>
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Department Director:</b>	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Group Leader:</b>	
<i>Charlie Soap</i>	<i>7-13-09</i>
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Government Resources:</b>	
<i>Rita May</i>	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Administration Approval:</b>	
<i>M. Wainwright</i>	<i>7/13/09</i>
Signature/Initial	Date
<b><u>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</u></b>	
<b>Legal &amp; Legislative Coordinator:</b>	
<i>Brittain</i>	<i>7/13/09</i>
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Standing Committee &amp; Date:</b>	
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>7/13/09</i>
<b>Chairperson:</b>	
<i>Shelley</i>	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b>Returned to Presenter:</b>	
	Date

**TITLE:** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Charlie Soap

**RESOLUTION PRESENTER:** Charlie Soap

**COUNCIL SPONSOR:** Harley Buzzard

**NARRATIVE:**

Program Descriptions: (Community Services in collaboration with Commerce Group is proposing to expand the VITA Program, which serves several thousands of low-income Cherokee families and individuals in tax free preparation in the Cherokee communities.)

Major Benefit Expressed Numerically: 1) Program will extend services to 2100 underserved Cherokee populations, which are in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban; 2) increase the capacity to 4000+ in filing income tax returns electronically; 3) heighten quality control at 16 tax preparation sites; 4) improve significantly the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites in 16 Cherokee communities; 5) provide two four day tax preparation training to volunteers; 6) attend volunteer tax preparation conference.)

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