

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-17**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHEROKEE  
NATION CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, The Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on 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 Council of the Cherokee Nation is authorized to establish laws which it shall deem necessary and proper for the good of the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, The Council of the Cherokee Nation recognizes the importance of addressing Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource needs within the exterior boundaries of the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional area through the utilization of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and other federal programs and technical assistance and to increase Indian farmers and ranchers opportunities to own, operate and retain farms and ranches, care for natural resources, strengthen the health and welfare, and

**WHEREAS**, Technical and cost-share assistance provided by the USDA is most effectively provided through a Tribal districts' leadership and Long-Range Natural Resource Plan, and

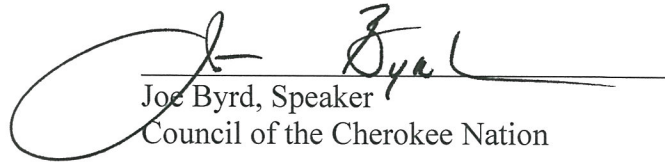
**WHEREAS**, A Cherokee Nation Conservation District will, subject to the approval of the Principal Chief or his designee, have the authority to work cooperatively with other agencies and boards to develop a Natural Resources Long-Range Plan for the Cherokee Nation which will establish priorities under which the USDA agencies will operate within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cherokee Nation, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: The Council of the Cherokee Nation authorizes the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation to establish the Cherokee Nation Conservation District, defined by the exterior boundaries of the Cherokee Nation with the authority, subject to the approval of the Principal Chief or his designee, to enter into agreements with USDA and other agencies consistent with this resolution.

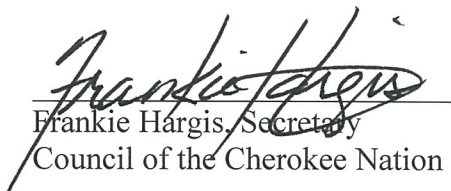
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, said authority granted the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation to establish the Cherokee Nation Conservation District shall include the authority to establish a Board of Supervisors of the Cherokee Nation Conservation District consisting of five (5) Cherokee Citizens appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the Council for fixed terms of four years, who shall report to the Principal Chief or his designee.

**CERTIFICATION**

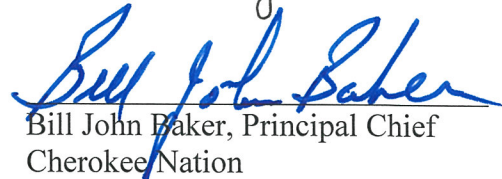
The forgoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Director:**

*Bruce Davis 5/15/17*

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer (Required:  
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):**

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Government Relations:**

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Administration Approval:**

*[Signature] 5/15/17*

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:**

**Legal & Legislative Coordinator:**

*[Signature] 5/15/17*

**Standing Committee & Date:**

*Resource 5/15/17*

**Chairperson:**

*[Signature]*

Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:**

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DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Bryan Shade

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Bryan Shade

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Speaker Joe Byrd

**NARRATIVE:**  
This Resolution authorizes the Principal Chief to establish the Cherokee Nation Conservation District in an effort to increase Indian farmers and ranchers opportunities to own, operate and retain farms and ranches, care for natural resources, strengthen the health and welfare of the Cherokee Nation and its citizens.