Committee: Employment Author: Anna Knight

Date: 2-2-07 Committee Date: 2-12-07 Sponsor: Audra Smoke-Conner

## **RESOLUTION NO. 28-07**

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A LOAN APPLICATION TO USDA TO REPLENISH LOAN FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised its 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 with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation Small Business Assistance Center requests authorization to apply for \$750,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture's to replenish loans funds for small business loans.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, the Tribal Council agrees to a \$517,700 cash match for the submission of an application on behalf of the Cherokee Nation to USDA's Intermediary Relending Program and authorizes the Principal Chief, and/or his designee, be authorized to sign documents securing the loan.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee at a duly called meeting thereof on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, having 17 Members present, constituting a quorum, by vote of 17 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 this 19th day of MARCH, 2007.

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation