

Committee: Rules Committee  
Date: 01-05-17

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Sponsor: Keith Austin

Committee Date: 01-26-17

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-17**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY AGREEING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE AND  
AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE  
NATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT  
WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, INC.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Nation enjoys governmental immunity from suit under federal and state law;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation has through inherent sovereign authority and by constitution and tribal law, the authority to enter into contractual agreements and execute such waivers, pledges, etc. necessary for such agreements;

**WHEREAS**, waivers of sovereign immunity must be approved by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Tsunadeloquasdi Cherokee Immersion Charter School (“Charter School”) is owned and operated by the Cherokee Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Charter School must report certain financial information to the State of Oklahoma in the required Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (“OCAS”);

**WHEREAS**, the Charter School wishes to enter into a contractual agreement with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for certain computer software that will transmit the necessary financial information to the OCAS;

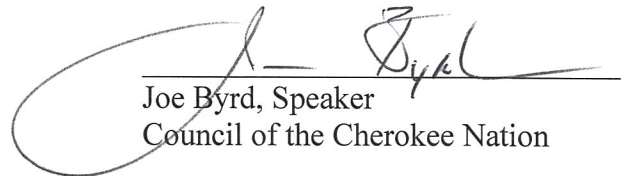
**WHEREAS**, the Principal Chief and/or his designee has determined that it would be fiscally advantageous to contract with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. and has negotiated the terms of the Software Services Order Agreement and Privacy Policy and Terms of Service, which include both choice of law and venue provisions, along with a waiver of the Nation’s sovereign immunity.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Principal Chief and/or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents relating to the choice of law, venue and waiver of the Cherokee Nation’s sovereign immunity for the Software Services Order Agreement and Privacy Policy Terms of Service and any other obligations and transaction

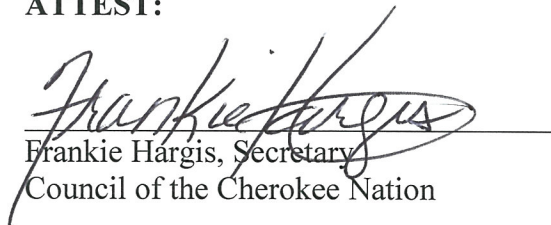
documents authorized or required pursuant to the provisions of the choice of law, venue and waiver agreement.

### CERTIFICATION

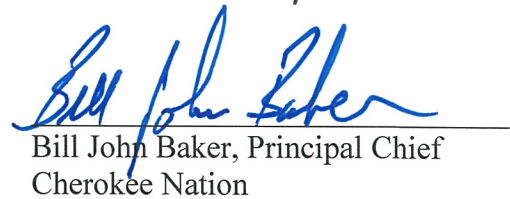
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 1 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
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 23 day of February, 2017.

  
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

Rules

**Cherokee Nation  
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<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</u></b>	
Dept/Program: Office of the Attorney General Courtney Jordan <i>CP</i> 12/27/16	
Signature/Initial	Date
Executive Director: Todd Hembree, Attorney General <i>Crossi Moore</i> 12/27/16 for Todd Hembree	
Signature/Initial	Date
Treasurer: (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets) <i>ARC for LAH</i> 12/28/16	
Signature/Initial	Date
Government Relations:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Administration Approval: <i>Big John Lake</i> 12-29-16	
Signature/Initial	Date
<b><u>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</u></b>	
Legal & Legislative Coordinator: <i>Brittani</i> 1/5/17	
Signature/Initial	Date
Standing Committee & Date: <i>Rules</i> 1/26/17	
Chairperson: <i>Byrd</i>	
Signature/Initial	Date
Returned to Presenter: _____ Date	

TITLE:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Courtney Jordan

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Courtney Jordan

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Keith Austin

**NARRATIVE:**

Tsunadeloquasdi Cherokee Immersion Charter School ("Charter School") is owned and operated by the Cherokee Nation. The Charter School must report certain financial information to the State of Oklahoma in the required Oklahoma Cost Accounting System ("OCAS"). The Charter School wishes to enter into a contractual agreement with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for certain computer software that will transmit the necessary financial information to the OCAS. Tribal Council approval and authorization of the agreement is necessary because the terms of the Software Services Order Agreement and Privacy Policy Terms of Service include both choice of law and venue provisions, along with a waiver of the Nation's sovereign immunity.