

RESOLUTION NO. 41-11

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY AIR TOXICS FUNDING**

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;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation has established the Environmental Protection Commission and the Environmental Programs Group to protect public health, welfare and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation has previously received funding from the EPA Clean Air Act Section 103 Grant Funding Program, with no match required;


WHEREAS, a Community Air Toxics Study Grant will advance the air quality analysis and data collection efforts on tribal land and provide for increased protection of public health and the environment.


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Environmental Programs Group to submit a formal application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a grant under the EPA Community Air Toxics Grant Program, and that the Principal Chief (or his designee) shall be authorized to conduct contract negotiations and execute all official documents in this regard.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11th day of April, 2011, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

ATTEST:


Meredith Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation



Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 18th day of April, 2011.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:

Program/Project Manager:

Signature _____ Date _____

Department Director:

[Signature] 3-23-11

Signature _____ Date _____

Group Leader:

[Signature] 03/23/11

Signature _____ Date _____

Finance Approval (if needed):

Signature _____ Date _____

Government Resources Group:

Signature _____ Date _____

Administration Approval:

[Signature] 3/29/11

Signature _____ Date _____



Act



Resolution

TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the Environmental Programs Group to Submit an Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Community Air Toxics Pollution Study

Department Contact: Ryan Callison

Resolution Presenter: Tom Elkins

Council Sponsor: Cara Cowan-Watts

NARRATIVE:

(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)

The funds will be utilized for monitoring toxics in ambient air to determine the amounts and types of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at the Cherokee Heights tribal community near Pryor in Mayes County. This data will be used to determine potential community health impacts from toxic air pollution sources and provide for community education and awareness of any pollutants present. Air samples will be collected and analyzed over an approximate 3 year study period. A full detailed data report and presentation material will be prepared for distribution to the public.

There is **no** funding match required for this project.

Funding Agency: U.S. EPA
 Grant Amount Requested: \$350,000
 Match Required: None
 Due Date: May 23, 2011
 Availability Date: October 1, 2011 (tentatively)

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE

Legislative Aide:

[Signature] 3/29/11

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Standing Committee:

[Signature]

4-11-11

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

[Signature]

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Returned to Presenter: _____

Date

Resolution Narrative

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Community Air Toxics Pollution Study

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTING: \$350,000

CHEROKEE NATION MATCH: \$0

PROJECTED FUND AVAILABILITY DATE (if funded): October 1, 2011

TRIBES THIS GRANT WILL ENCOMPASS: Cherokee Nation.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS: Environmental Programs

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Ryan Callison, Director, Environmental Programs

PRIMARY CONTACT: Ryan Callison, Director, Environmental Programs

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Tom Elkins, Administrator, Environmental Programs

NARRATIVE:

Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs is requesting \$350,000 in funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The funds will be utilized for monitoring toxics in ambient air to determine the amounts and types of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at the Cherokee Heights tribal community near Pryor in Mayes County. This data will be used to determine potential community health impacts from toxic air pollution sources and provide for community education and awareness of any pollutants present. Air samples will be collected and analyzed over the 3 year study period. A full detailed data report and presentation material will be prepared for distribution to the public.