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## **RESOLUTION NO. 99-07**

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

## A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHEROKEE TRIBAL PREFERENCE POLICY ON ALL NON-TRUST LAND LEASES EXECUTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people; and,

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; and,

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation owns several tracts of non-trust property within its jurisdictional boundaries, a portion of which is leased to individuals for agricultural uses; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the Cherokee Nation to give preference to Tribal Citizens when such property is leased; and,

WHEREAS, a policy of Cherokee Nation tribal preference concerning land leases would encourage the use of tribal lands by tribal citizens thereby providing economic opportunities to the Cherokee people; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee Nation through its Tribal Council, that a policy of Cherokee Nation Tribal preference be imposed for tribal land leases administered by the Cherokee Nation and that said policy be reported to the Tribal Council upon implementation.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting thereof on the  $15^{th}$  day of October 2007, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 17 yea 0 nay; and 0 abstaining.

Meredith Frailey, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Don Garvin, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 24th day of October, 2007.

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation