Committee: Resources

Date: 06-24-09 Committee Date: 07-13-09

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 92-09**

### COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS **GRANT** 

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 operates the Office of Environmental Programs;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has funds available to assist Indian tribes in operating Brownfields Environmental Enhancement Projects.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Office of Environmental Programs is authorized to submit a formal application should the proposal be selected for said project and that Chad Smith, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker

Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Don Garvin, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 12th day of 2009.

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State Cherokee Nation

	ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE			
	Pregram/Project Manager: Signature/Initial Date			
,	Department Director:			
,	Executive Director:    August   Object   Object			
	Controller: (if needed)  Signature/Initial Date			
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	Administration Approval:    Signature/Initial   Date			
	LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE: Legislative Aide:			
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	Chairperson:			
	Returned to Presenter:  Date			

# **Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

		Act	x Resolution	
TITLE:	Cheroke	ee Nation's Brownfi	elds Program	
DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Bobby Short				
RESOLUTION PRESENTER:				
SPONSOR:		Cara Cowan-Watts		
NARRATIVE:		(See Attached Outli	ne for Information If Outline is Required)	

EPA's Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative is an organized commitment to help communities revitalize such properties both environmentally and economically, mitigate potential health risk, and restore economic vitality to area where Brownfields exist.

The grant will seek funds for the following activities:

- 1) Locate and evaluate Brownfields sites affecting tribal population.
- 2) Site remediation planning and design for sites on or near tribal land.
- 3) Program training and development for tribal employees.
- 4) Oversee environmental cleanups and establish redevelopment activities.

The grant funds will be routed through the Cherokee Nation, Office of Environmental Programs, thus enabling the office's environmental professionals to perform the tasks delineated in the work plan.

Grant Amount- \$190,000.00 Match- \$0