

Committee: Rules

Date: 09-16-08 Committee Date: 09-25-08

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Sponsor: Meredith A. Frailey

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-08**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES**

**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 wishes to become a member in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation meets all requirements for Tribal membership, pursuant to Article II, Section B(1) of the Constitution and Article III, Section B(1)(a) of the Bylaws of the National Congress of American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, Chadwick Smith will designate one of the below named twenty-three (23) persons as his representative (alternate) in his absence by a letter stating such.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation, which is the official governing body of the above named tribal nation, hereby authorizes Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief, to take the necessary actions to place the Nation in membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that Nation funds in the amount of \$25,000, based on the tribal Membership Dues Schedule of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, Article III, Section C(2), are authorized to be paid for such Tribal membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the \$25,000 membership fee shall be paid by an equal amount from Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch out of existing appropriations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that, based on the Nation's citizenry of 283,268 persons, the Nation shall have 180 votes, in accordance with Article III, Section B(1) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation supports and approves the below named persons as representatives; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that pursuant to Article III, § B(1)(b) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, the Nation designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become individual members in good standing in the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention and Executive Council Meeting.

**DELEGATE:** Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief

**ALTERNATE:** Joe Grayson, Jr., Deputy Principal Chief

**ALTERNATE:** Bill John Baker, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Tina Glory Jordan, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** S. Joe Crittenden, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Jodie Fishinghawk, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** David W. Thornton, Sr., Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Janelle Lattimore Fullbright, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Don Garvin, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Harley L. Buzzard, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Curtis G. Snell, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Chris Soap, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Meredith A. Frailey, Council Member

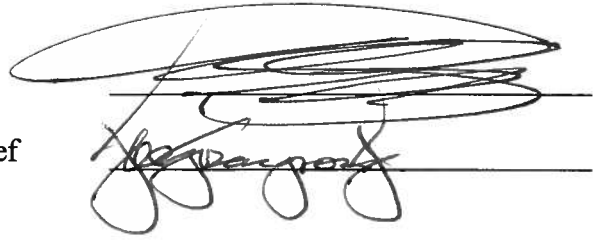
**ALTERNATE:** Cara Cowan Watts, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Buel Anglen, Council Member

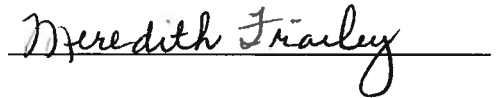
**ALTERNATE:** Bradley Cobb, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Julia Coates, Council Member



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ALTERNATE: Jack D. Baker, Council Member

ALTERNATE: Paula Ragsdale, Sr. Legislative Officer

ALTERNATE: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

ALTERNATE: Melissa Gower, Government Relations Lead

ALTERNATE: Flossie I. Girty, Tribal Relations Officer

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*Melanie Knight*  
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*Flossie I. Girty*  
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**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

*Meredith A. Frailey*  
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Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

*Don Garvin*  
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Don Garvin, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

*[Signature]*  
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Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

*Melanie Knight*  
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Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:**

Program/Project Manager:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Approval (if needed):

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Government Resources Group:

*Sita Mays* 9/16/08  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administration Approval:

*M. Knight* 9/16/08  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE**

Legislative Aide:

*Shelli Bratton* 9/16/08  
Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Committee:

*Rules*

9-25-08

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

*Frailey*  
Signature/Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Returned to Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Cherokee Nation  
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**



Act



Resolution

**TITLE:** A Resolution Authorizing Cherokee Nation to Become a Member of the National Congress of American Indians and to Appoint the Tribal Delegate and Alternates

Department Contact: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Resolution Presenter: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Council Sponsor: Councilor Meredith A. Frailey

**NARRATIVE:**

*(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)*

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize Cherokee Nation to become a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), appoint the Tribal Delegate and Alternates, and to authorize payment of membership dues in the amount of \$25,000.

Membership will be for a one-year term, from the 2008 NCAI Annual Convention to the 2008 NCAI Annual Convention.

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