

RED CLAY COUNCIL GROUNDS
RED CLAY, TENNESSEE

FRIDAY
APRIL 17, 2009



PASSED

ITEM NO. 12

JOINT COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 13 (2009)

- WHEREAS**, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation have exercised the sovereign rights of self-governance on behalf of the Cherokee People since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are federally recognized Indian Nations with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS**, the Joint Council unites the Legislative Branches of government of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, representing approximately 294,000 Cherokee people throughout the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS**, both the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians share a distinct history, culture and heritage; and
- WHEREAS**, a significant part of that history is the tragedy of the forced removal of Cherokee citizens from their ancestral home in the southeastern United States to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, known as the "*Trail of Tears*"; and
- WHEREAS**, the Georgia Park Service has done a commendable job of maintaining and preserving the James Vann House and the New Echota Park and other Cherokee historical and cultural places;
- WHEREAS**, sufficient funding is necessary to preserve these valuable Cherokee historical and cultural places;

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for all American citizens to enjoy the preservation of the history and culture of Cherokee people.

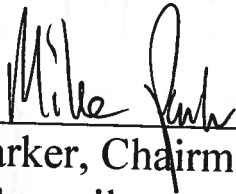
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Council of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians does hereby encourage the State of Georgia to sufficiently fund the preservation and operation of the New Echota Park, James Vann House and other Cherokee historical and cultural sites in Georgia.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be the policy of the Joint Council of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

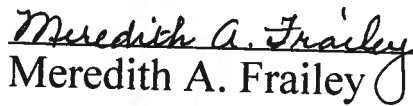
Submitted by: Jack Baker, Cherokee Nation Council Representative

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Joint Council consisting of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation at the Council Meeting held in Red Clay, Tennessee, on Friday, April 17, 2009, having 29 Joint Council Members present, constituting a quorum of the Joint Council, by the vote of 29 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



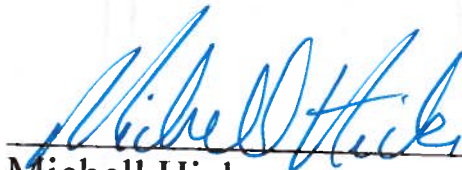
Mike Parker, Chairman
Tribal Council
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Meredith A. Frailey
Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST

Approved and signed by the Principal Chiefs this
the 15th day of June 2009.



Michell Hicks
Principal Chief
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Chadwick Smith
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation