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RESOLUTION NO. 18-13

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE CITIZEN-CIERRA FIELDS

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, it is always important to recognize the achievements of our Cherokee Nation Citizens who show great skills, accomplishments, and examples for others; and

WHEREAS, Cierra Fields, 14 year old resident of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, has been named as a National Youth Ambassador for the American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance(AIHREA); and,

WHEREAS, Cierra Fields has been honored as one of five Native youth 2013 Champions for Change winners, awarded in Washington D.C., recently; and,

WHEREAS, the Champions of Change Awards are awarded by the Center for Native American Youth which was founded to bring greater national attention to issues facing Native American teens; and,

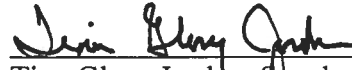
WHEREAS, Cierra Fields is a melanoma cancer survivor and starred in a public service announcement promoting Cherokee Nation's cancer support group, "Native Circle of Hope" with Fields raising awareness for cancer prevention by telling her personal story, hoping that it would affect change and improve the lives of Native people; and,

WHEREAS, Cierra Fields' goal is to inspire Native Youth across the country to become active citizens within their own tribal communities and by sharing her story to other students, she hopes they will be motivated to demonstrate that no matter your age, you can make a difference; and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Council hereby recognizes Cierra Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, for her outstanding accomplishments, for her strength and resilience and willing to share her personal story to inspire other Native American Youth.


CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11th day of March, 2013, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.




Tina Glory Jordan, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



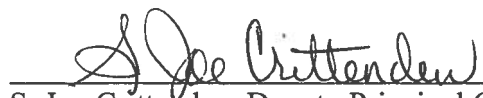
Jodie Fishinhawk, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 14th day of March, 2013.



Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



S. Joe Crittenden, Deputy Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation