

Committee: Rules

Date: 9-17-07 Committee Date: 9-27-07

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-07

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 nineteen (19) 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 274,945 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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Julia Coates

ALTERNATE: Jack D. Baker, Council Member

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ALTERNATE: Paula Ragsdale, Sr. Legislative Officer

ALTERNATE: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Melanie Knight

ALTERNATE: Melissa Gower, Government Relations Lead

ALTERNATE: Flossie I. Girty, Tribal Relations Officer

Flossie I. Girty

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 15th day of October, 2007, having 00 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 00 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

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

ATTEST:

Don Garvin

Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

Chadwick Smith

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Administrative Clearance

Program/Project Manager

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Department Director:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Group Leader:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Controller/Finance: (If Needed)

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Government Resources Dept:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Administration Approval:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Legislative Clearance

Legislative Aide:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Standing Committee:

9-27-07

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Returned to Presenter: _____

Date

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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

SPONSOR: Meredith 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), to appoint the Tribal Delegate and Alternates, and to authorize payment of membership dues.

Membership will be for a one-year term, from the 2007 NCAI Annual Convention to the 2008 NCAI Annual Convention.

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