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RESOLUTION NO. 77-08

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN WELLBRIETY MONTH WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation, since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on 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 United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration has declared the month of September, 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this declaration aims to promote the societal benefits of alcohol and drug use disorder treatment, applaud the contributions of treatment providers and promote the message that recovery from alcohol and drug use in all its forms, and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation recognizes and values the sobriety and spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wellness of our citizens and fully recognizes the need for sobriety and recovery from chemical dependence as a key to the Nation's overall health, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the Cherokee Nation to bring awareness to drug addiction recovery methods and promote all efforts to increase drug and alcohol sobriety and to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION that September 2008 be declared National Native American Wellbriety Month and promote drug and alcohol addiction recovery within the Cherokee Nation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the <u>15th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2008, having <u>17</u> members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of <u>17</u> yea; <u>0</u> nay; <u>0</u> 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 19th day of September , 2008.

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation