

RESOLUTION NO 39-07

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

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;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation desires to preserve and protect the Cherokee language for its citizens and for future citizens of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation can document pre-existing, planned involvement and support of the community for the development of plans and programs to preserve and protect the Cherokee language for its citizens and for future citizens of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation does commit to providing \$70,000 through in-kind service via existing staff, equipment and facilities for the budget year to preserve and protect the Cherokee language and valuable archival materials (print, video, audio, etc) for its citizens and for future citizens of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation does designate the Principal Chief as signatory and negotiator on behalf of the Cherokee Nation to preserve and protect the Cherokee language for its citizens and for future citizens;


WHEREAS, the mission of the National Endowment for the Humanities Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership explores new ways to share, examine, and interpret Cherokee audio, video and written text collections in a modern digital format that allows the development of a comprehensive Cherokee Nation digital library for large audiences of Cherokees to promote the development of programs or activities to preserve and enhance tribal heritage and culture and to assist tribes in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their tribal language, culture and history;

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Humanities has current grant funds to support the digitization of cultural/language collections that will allow the tribe to thoroughly plan, research and develop a comprehensive digital repository for materials supporting the Cherokee people.


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief and the Council of Cherokee Nation authorized the Cultural Resource Center to submit a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities to establish and archive/research library for the Cherokee language and develop, print and disseminate materials toward the ultimate goal of ensuring the survival of the Cherokee language for future generations.

CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 16th day of April, 2007, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

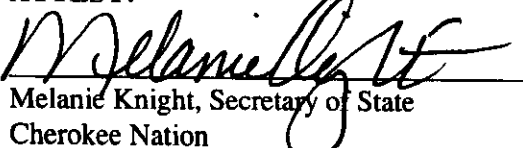
ATTEST:


Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 23rd day of April, 2007.


Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation