

RESOLUTION NO. 69-10

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, CHILD CARE BUREAU FOR TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM

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 supports the development of healthy, happy successful children and families;

WHEREAS, home visiting programs are intended to promote positive outcomes such as improvements in maternal, infant and child health and development;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and the Health Resources Service Administration are collaborating to implement a home visiting program in Tribal communities;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation has the capacity to conduct needs assessments; plan, develop, and implement evidence-based maternal, infant, and early childhood services;

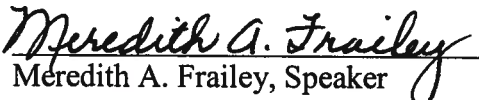
WHEREAS, the Child Care and Development Department wishes to cooperate and collaborate with various programs serving women, children and families in tribal communities that result in high quality early childhood systems.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes Human Services to develop and submit a grant application for Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program activities; and

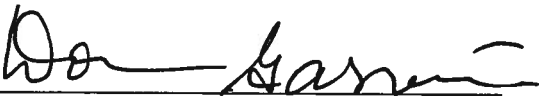
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Principal Chief, Chad Smith, and/or his designee be authorized to sign documents necessary to submit said application on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 12th day of July, 2010, having 15 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 15 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 16th day of July, 2010.


Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

R. W. L. 7-6-10

Signature/Initial Date

Group Leader:

Norma Merriman 7/6/10

Signature/Initial Date

Finance (if needed):

Signature/Initial Date

Government Resources:

Kita Meari 7/6/10

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

N. P. Reynolds 7-8/10

Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

J. Butcher 7/8/10

Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Education & Culture

Chairperson:

7/12/10

Coates

Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter:

Date

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act Resolution

TITLE: *Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program*

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Laurie Hand

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Norma Merriman

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Harley Buzzard

NARRATIVE:

Funds will support 5-year demonstration grants to conduct needs assessments; develop the infrastructure needed for the widespread planning, adoption, implementation, and sustainability of evidence-based maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs; and provide high-quality, evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and families with young children aged birth to kindergarten entry.

Home visiting programs are intended to promote outcomes such as improvements in maternal and prenatal health, infant health, and child health and development; reduced child maltreatment; improved parenting practices related to child development outcomes; improved school readiness; improved family socio-economic status; improved coordination of referrals to community resources and supports; and reduced incidence of injuries, crime, and domestic violence. The program is intended to result in a coordinated system of early childhood home visiting in Tribal communities that has the capacity to provide infrastructure and supports to assure high-quality, evidence-based practice.

Funding Amount: \$500,000 annually for 5 yrs

Matching funds: none required

Application due date: July 26, 2010