

Committee: Education & Culture Committee  
Date: 06-29-10 Committee Date: 07-12-10

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**Resolution No. 68-10**

## **COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAREER SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION 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 Vocational Rehabilitation Program is a much needed program to assist in ensuring self-sufficiency for tribal citizens; and the Cherokee Nation has operated a Vocational Rehabilitation Program since its' inception October 1, 1992, with the Cherokee Nation VR Program being Oklahoma's longest running Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program;

**WHEREAS**, there are many individuals with disabilities in need of employment and training activities in order to enter jobs and become self-sufficient; and the U.S. Department of Education has funding available for vocational training programs for individuals with disabilities in order for them to acquire the skills necessary to return to work or to maintain their employment;

**WHEREAS**, Career Services has both the expertise and experience to continue operating a high quality, successful Vocational Rehabilitation program and desires to continue providing these services;

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of this funding requires a cash match of 10%.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that Career Services develop and submit a grant application to the Department of Education for a Vocational Rehabilitation Program and that 10% cash match be made available to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program each year of program funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Principal Chief 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010, having 15 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 15 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 16th day of July, 2010.

Chadwick Smith  
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

Melanie Knight  
Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:**

Program/Project Manager:

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Signature Date

Department Director:

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Signature Date

Group Leader:

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Signature Date

Finance Approval (if needed):

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Signature Date

Government Resources Group:

*Rita Murphy* 6/29/10  
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Signature Date

Administration Approval:

*[Signature]*  
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Signature Date

Act
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Department Contact: Brenda Fitzgerald

Resolution Presenter: S. Diane Kelley

Council Sponsor: Tina Glory Jordan

**NARRATIVE:**  
(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)

- I. Vocational Rehabilitation is applying for a new grant funding for a five-year period. The Vocational Rehabilitation program assists with the cost of training/re-training of Native Americans with disabilities in order for them to acquire the skills necessary to return to work or to maintain their employment.
- II. Funding amount: Approximately \$550,000 per year for five years.
  - a. There is a 10% cash match required.
  - b. The funding was approved by SBC.
- III. Career Services.
  - a. Staffing is already in place.
  - b. No outsourcing or outside contracting will be done.
  - c. Space and location will remain the same as current.
  - d. The Service Area is the 14 County Jurisdictional Area.
- IV. August Martin of the Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration is our federal agency contact.

**LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE**

Legislative Aide:

*[Signature]* 6/29/10  
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Signature/Initial Date 4:46pm

Standing Committee:

*Educational Culture*

7/12/10

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

*[Signature]*  
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Signature/Initial Date

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Date