

RESOLUTION NO. 68-09

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 74-88, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL TREASURES 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, Resolution Number 74-88 was enacted establishing the "Living National Treasures-Master Craftsman Series of the Lost Arts Program" on August 13, 1988;

WHEREAS, all elected and appointed officers of the Nation are bound by oath to promote the culture, heritage and traditions of the Cherokee Nation (Cherokee Constitution, Article XIII Section 1);

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is committed to retaining and perpetuating the cultural identity of the Cherokee Nation through promotion and acknowledgment of its national cultural treasures;

WHEREAS, the National Treasure designation will achieve this objective by official acknowledgement and recognition of the best individual examples of the Cherokee culture. This will be accomplished by recognizing those individual persons who have made major contributions or a lifetime commitment of perpetuating the Cherokee culture;

WHEREAS, up to three (3) National Treasures will be recognized each year, based upon recommendations from an Advisory Committee to the Principal Chief;

WHEREAS, the chosen National Treasure(s) must be a Cherokee citizen(s);

WHEREAS, at least one individual designated per year must be a traditional artist/craftsperson, and at least one per year must be from the Nation's 14-county jurisdictional area;

WHEREAS, except for the foregoing, there will be no residency restriction on the National Treasures;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee National Historical Society is continuing its partnership with the Cherokee Nation to house the documentation of this activity in the National archives.

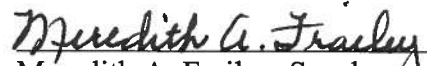
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the program is hereby renamed the Cherokee National Treasures program; that the National Treasure Program shall be instituted as a sanctioned activity of the Cherokee Nation; that a five-member Advisory Committee for the National Treasure Program shall be created to provide guidance on activities and services which enhance and preserve Cherokee culture; that such committee members shall be nominated and confirmed according to Legislative Act 30-04;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief or his/her designee is hereby authorized to develop policies and procedures effectuating this program according to this enactment;


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the chosen National Treasure(s) shall be bestowed with the honor as an official national designation and recognized during the Cherokee Nation National Holiday and in a Tribal Council Meeting.

CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting thereof on the 15th day of June, 2009, having 14 members present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays; 0 abstaining.


Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

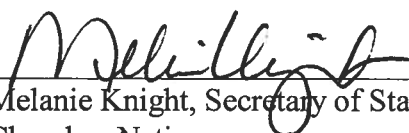
ATTEST:


Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this _____ day of _____, 2009.


Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA
Council of the Cherokee Nation

DUPLICATE

RESOLUTION NO. 74-88

**AUTHORIZING THE LIVING NATIONAL TREASURES-MASTER
CRAFTSMAN SERIES OF THE LOST ARTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized in accordance with a constitution approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 5, 1975 and ratified June 26, 1976; and

WHEREAS, The Cherokee Nation is interested in achieving and maintaining a desirable measure of prosperity by promoting and retaining the cultural identity of the Cherokee Nation through promotion and acknowledgment of living national cultural treasures.

WHEREAS, the Living National Treasures-Master Craftsman designation will achieve this objective by official acknowledgment and recognition of the best individual examples of the Cherokee culture. This will be done by recognizing those individual persons who have made major contributions or a lifetime commitment to perpetuating the Cherokee culture.

WHEREAS, the Cherokee National Historical Society is cooperating with the Cherokee Nation with plans to house the documentation of this activity in the National archives.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Living Treasures-Master Craftsman Program shall be instituted as a sanctioned activity of the Cherokee Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chosen living national treasures shall be bestowed with the honor as an official national designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Principal Chief Wilma P. Mankiller and/or her authorized designee(s) be authorized to sign documents necessary to secure such grant funding on behalf of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.


CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 13th day of August, 1988 having 15 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 15 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.




John Ketcher, President
Cherokee Nation Council

Attest:



Gary D. Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

Approved this 13th day of August, 1988



Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

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ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:

Program/Project Manager:

Signature _____ Date _____

Department Director:

Signature _____ Date _____

Group Leader:

Signature _____ Date _____

Finance Approval (if needed):

Signature _____ Date _____

Government Resources Group:

Rita May 4/2/09
Signature _____ Date _____

Administration Approval:

Melanie Knight 6/2/09
Signature _____ Date _____

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE

Legislative Aide:

Brittain 6/2/09
Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Standing Committee:

Education & Culture

6/15/09

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

Coates
Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Returned to Presenter: _____
Date

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act

Resolution

TITLE: A Resolution Amending Resolution Number 74-88,
Establishing the National Treasures Program

Department Contact: Melanie Knight

Resolution Presenter: Melanie Knight

Council Sponsor: Julia Coates & Jack Baker

NARRATIVE:

(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)

The purpose of this resolution is to amend the National Treasures Program, resolution no. 74-88.

The changes are:

- the number of NT shall not exceed 3 in a year;
- The residency and craftsperson requirements can be met with two different individuals (or with the same individual);
- the Committee numbers 5 members;
- The recommendation for the recognition would come from the Advisory Committee to the Principal Chief.