

RED CLAY COUNCIL GROUNDS
RED CLAY, TENNESSEE

FRIDAY
APRIL 17, 2009



PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

JOINT COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 11 (2009)

- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation have exercised the sovereign rights of self-governance on behalf of the Cherokee People since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation have gathered here today at the Red Clay Council Ground to discuss issues of mutual importance for all Cherokee people; and
- WHEREAS,** preserving the resting places of our ancestors is one of the most important duties of the living; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Aviation Administration has decided to fund a project to expand the runway at the Macon County Airport, in Macon County, NC; and
- WHEREAS,** such expansion will adversely impact the culturally and historically important Cherokee Middle Town of Iotla; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cherokee Middle Town of Iotla has not been excavated and countless artifacts, history and cultural knowledge will be forever lost; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed expansion will disturb countless graves of our Cherokee ancestors; and

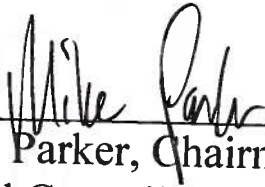
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Joint Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation hereby openly oppose the expansion of Macon County Airport runway.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation publically proclaim that we will continue to join efforts in protecting Cherokee sites, both culturally and historically, from adverse impacts, for the betterment of future generations of Cherokees so they may recognize the rich cultural heritage that is theirs by birth right.

Submitted by: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Joint Council consisting of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation at the Council Meeting held in Red Clay, Tennessee, on Friday, April 17, 2009, having 29 Joint Council Members present, constituting a quorum of the Joint Council, by the vote of 29 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



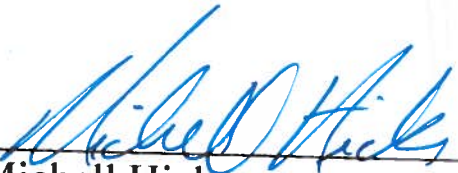
Mike Parker, Chairman
Tribal Council
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



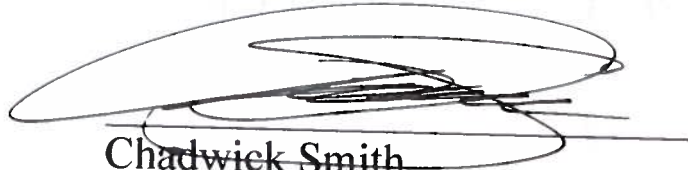
Meredith A. Frailey
Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST

Approved and signed by the Principal Chiefs this
the 15th day of June 2009.



Michell Hicks
Principal Chief
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Chadwick Smith
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation