

Committee: Community Services  
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RESOLUTION NO. 62-09

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HUMAN SERVICES AND CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) FUNDED GRANT TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

**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 recognizes the need to rehabilitate substance-abusing juvenile offenders;

**WHEREAS**, the need of such citizens to receive treatment that allows the youth and families to recover from substance abuse is underserved in tribal or community-based treatment programs;

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation Human Services and Cherokee Nation Health Services wish to expand capacity for substance abuse treatment and recovery support services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

**WHEREAS**, if selected for funding, the Cherokee Nation will be awarded a grant with two-components the first will be a one-time payment of up to \$425,000 with a matching fund requirement of \$141,667; the second component will be an award of up to \$800,000 over a 4-year period.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation authorizes Cherokee Nation Human Services and Cherokee Nation Health Services to submit a formal application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a Grant to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Drug Courts and that the Principal Chief (or his designee) is authorized to negotiate and execute all official documents in this regard.

### CERTIFICATION

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



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

Melanie Knight  
Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:**

Program/Project Manager:

Janice Russell 4/27/09  
Signature Date

Department Director:

Norma Merrin 4/27/09  
Signature Date

Group Leader:

Norma Merrin 4/27/09  
Signature Date

Finance Approval (if needed):

Signature Date

Government Resources Group:

Jack Brown 4/27/09  
Signature Date

Administration Approval:

JM 4/29/09  
Signature Date

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Legislative Aide:

Shelli Brittain 4/30/09  
Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee:

Community Service

5/12/09

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

Buzzard  
Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Cherokee Nation  
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act

Resolution

**TITLE:** Grant to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Drug Courts

**Department Contact:** Norma Merriman, Group Leader  
Human Services

**Resolution Presenter:** Norma Merriman, Group Leader  
Human Services

**Council Sponsor:** Harley Buzzard

**NARRATIVE:**

*(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)*

The purpose of this resolution is to approve an application for grant funding that would allow the Cherokee Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (Human Services) and Jack Brown Treatment Center (Health Services) to develop a collaborative program to assist youth and their families who are affected by drugs and/or alcohol. This program would enhance the capacity of the juvenile drug court to serve the growing number of youth in need of substance abuse treatment. Jack Brown Treatment Center will be the lead in providing and advising on substance abuse treatment services.

Drug Court component: a cash match of \$141,667 will be required if awarded the full amount of \$425,000.

Substance Abuse Treatment component: no match is required

This funding will supplement drug court operations and support services for participants and families. The drug court will be able to serve all Native American youth who meet the program criteria. Jack Brown Treatment Center will expand on their after-care and recovery services through cultural activities.

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