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**RESOLUTION NO. 38-15**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CHANGES  
MADE BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO  
STRENGTHEN THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1978**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people; and,

**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; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation has significant interest in their Cherokee Children and their families; and,

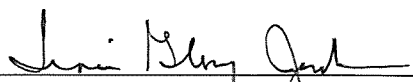
**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed regulations which will govern the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, as elected representatives of the citizens of the Cherokee Nation, the council wishes to express their support for the proposed regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act; and, therefore

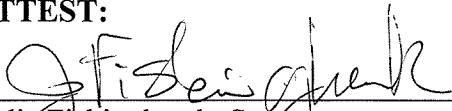
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby supports the proposed regulations that will implement the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, improve the lives of Cherokee children living in foster and adoptive homes throughout the United States, and ensure the continued existence of the Cherokee Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

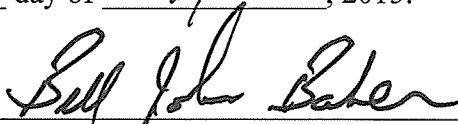
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
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Tina Glory Jordan, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation


**ATTEST:**

  
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Jodie FISHINGHAWK, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 14 day of May, 2015.

  
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Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
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Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation