Committee: Rules

Date: <u>09-16-08</u> Committee Date: <u>09-25-08</u>

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 100-09**

## **COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

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 wishes to become a member in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation meets all requirements for Tribal membership, pursuant to Article II, Section B(1) of the Constitution and Article III, Section B(1)(a) of the Bylaws of the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Chadwick Smith will designate one of the below named twenty-two (22) persons as his representative (alternate) in his absence by a letter stating such.

- **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION,** that the Council of the Cherokee Nation, which is the official governing body of the above named tribal nation, hereby authorizes Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief, to take the necessary actions to place the Nation in membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that Nation funds in the amount of \$25,000, based on the tribal Membership Dues Schedule of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, Article III, Section C(2), are authorized to be paid for such Tribal membership in the National Congress of American Indians; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION,** that the \$25,000 membership fee shall be paid by an equal amount from Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch out of existing appropriations; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION,** that, based on the Nation's citizenry of 287,078 persons, the Nation shall have 180 votes, in accordance with Article III, Section B(1) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation supports and approves the below named persons as representatives; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that pursuant to Article III, § B(1)(b) of the National Congress of American Indians Bylaws, the Nation designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become individual members in good standing in the National Congress of American Indians in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention and Executive Council Meeting.

**DELEGATE:** Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief

ALTERNATE: Joe Grayson, Jr., Deputy Principal Chief

ALTERNATE: Bill John Baker, Council Member

ALTERNATE: Tina Glory Jordan, Council Member

ALTERNATE: S. Joe Crittenden, Council Member

ALTERNATE: Jodie Fishinghawk, Council Member

ALTERNATE: David W. Thornton, Sr., Council Member

ALTERNATE: Janelle Lattimore Fullbright, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Don Garvin, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Harley L. Buzzard, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Curtis G. Snell, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Chris Soap, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Meredith A. Frailey, Council Member

ALTERNATE: Cara Cowan Watts, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Buel Anglen, Council Member

**ALTERNATE:** Bradley Cobb, Council Member

ALTERNATE: Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Council Member

ALTERNATE: Julia Coates, Council Member

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ALTERNATE: Jack D. Baker, Council Member ALTERNATE: Paula Ragsdale, Sr. Legislative Officer ALTERNATE: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State ALTERNATE: Melissa Gower, Government Relations Lead **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 14th day of September, 2009, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining. Council of the Cherokee Nation ATTEST: Don Garvin, Secretary Council of the Cherokee Nation Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this <u>18th</u> day of <u>September</u> , 2009. Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation

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Presenter: Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

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e of this resolution is to authorize Cherokee Nation a member of the National Congress of American CAI), appoint the Tribal Delegate and Alternates, orize payment of membership dues in the amount of

p will be for a one-year term, from the 2009 NCAI Annual Convention to the 2010 NCAI Annual Convention.