

RED CLAY COUNCIL GROUNDS  
RED CLAY, TENNESSEE

FRIDAY  
APRIL 17, 2009



**PASSED**

*ITEM NO. 14*

*JOINT COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 15 (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 Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are federally recognized Indian Nations with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS**, the Joint Council unites the Legislative Branches of government of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, representing approximately 294,000 Cherokee people throughout the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS**, both the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians share a distinct history, culture and heritage; and
- WHEREAS**, a significant part of that history is the tragedy of the forced removal of Cherokee citizens from their ancestral home in the southeastern United States to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, known as the "Trail of Tears"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Park Service has done a commendable job of maintaining and preserving Cherokee historical and cultural places:

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funding is necessary to preserve these valuable Cherokee historical and cultural places;

**WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial for all American citizens to enjoy the preservation of the history and culture of Cherokee people.

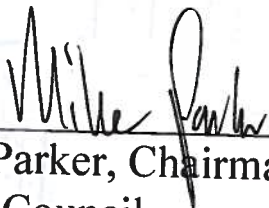
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Joint Council of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians does hereby encourage the State of Alabama to sufficiently fund the preservation and operation of the Cherokee historical and cultural sites in Alabama.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be the policy of the Joint Council of the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

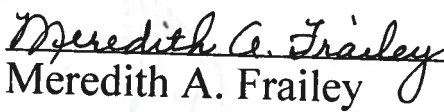
Submitted by: Jack Baker, Cherokee Nation Council Representative

## 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.



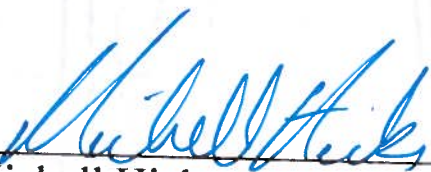
Mike Parker, Chairman  
Tribal Council  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Meredith A. Frailey  
Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

### ATTEST

Approved and signed by the Principal Chiefs this  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.



Mitchell Hicks  
Principal Chief  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Chadwick Smith  
Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation