Committee: Resource Committee

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**RESOLUTION NO. 65-17** 

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION BY CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EMDP) GRANT

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

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government-to-government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation considers its natural energy and mineral resources within its borders to be vital to the livelihood and quality of life of Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation submits an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development for its Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) grant;

WHEREAS, upon award of the EMDP grant, Cherokee Nation will conduct renewable energy assessments and feasibility studies for renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermic, and biomass, on Tribally owned property within its 14-county Tribal Jurisdictional Service Area in northeast Oklahoma; will consider developing any potential viable energy or mineral resource discovered therein; will perform oversight, reporting, and project management of the EMDP project through its Environmental Programs department; and will share information obtained through this proposed EMDP project to the public, via methods such as press releases and presentation at conferences;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Council hereby authorizes an application for funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development for the Energy and Mineral Development Program grant; and that Principal Chief, Bill John Baker, and/or his designee be authorized to sign documents necessary to submit said application on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the  $11^{th}$  day of September, 2017, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

Joe Byrd, Speaker

Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Frankie Hargis, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 13 day of September 2017.

l John Baker, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Secretary of State Cherokee Nation

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE	Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form
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Executive Director:  Sara H.L. 8/21/17  Signature/initial Date	DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Bobby Short (ext. 5089)  RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Tom Elkins/ Wayne Isaacs  COUNCIL SPONSOR: VICTORIA VAZQUEZ
Treasurer (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets):  LL for LAH 8 lbs/ Symptometrical Date  Government Relations:	NARRATIVE: This Resolution authorizes the application of Cherokee Nation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development for the Energy and Mineral Development Program grant, and offers approval of the proposal, which entails: conducting renewable energy assessments and feasibility studies for renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermic, and biomass, on Tribally owned property within its 14-county Tribal Jurisdictional Service Area in northeast
Signature/Initial Date Administration Approval: Signature/Initial Date Date	Oklahoma; assurance that Cherokee Nation will consider developing any potential viable energy or mineral resource discovered; assurance that oversight, reporting, and project management of the EMDP project will be conducted through the Environmental Programs [7] The partment; and sharing with the public any information obtained through the project, via methods such as press releases and presentation at conferences.
LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE: Legislative Coordinator:  Date: Date:  Date:  Legislative Coordinator:  Date:  Date:	18/17
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