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RESOLUTION NO. 33-21

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE TRIBAL
CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATION IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PROGRAM**

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, Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, now having more than 2.4 million participants and nearly 1 million adult volunteers, many of whom are Cherokee Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation has been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America for many years, providing annual contributions to local troops and packs, organizing cultural experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Sequoyah District of Boy Scouts of America has been an example of Boy Scouts' positive engagement and consultation with Cherokee Nation. The Sequoyah District has adapted its use of tribal names, imagery and practices in a manner that demonstrates a growing reverence for, and deeper understanding of, native culture in a manner that more appropriately educates scouts and the public on relevant subjects; and

WHEREAS, Boys Scouts of America are located across Oklahoma and other states with tribal reservations and should be culturally aware and inclusive in their program; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation has strong opposition to the misuse of Native names, imagery or cultural references of any sort; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation officials are committed to remaining engaged on the federal and local level and offering guidance to the appropriate use of native imagery and cultural references across the reservation; and

WEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation strongly encourages Boy Scouts of America leaders to seek counsel from their tribal partners on all topics related to Native American culture, heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, meaningful dialogue between the Boy Scouts of America and Cherokee Nation has greatly improved understanding and respect toward Cherokee Nation and its history and culture;

WHEREAS, by letter of May 13, 2021, Boy Scouts of America advised all Scout leaders "no Native American names," and did so without consultation with relevant tribal nations; and

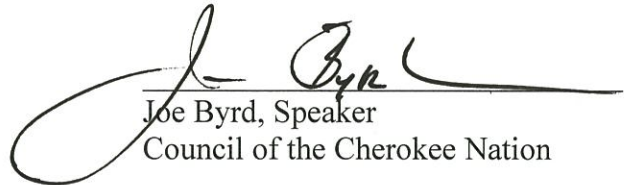
WHEREAS, the Council of the Cherokee Nation discourages Boy Scouts of America from the use of, or wholesale discontinuation of the use of, references to native culture and names without first consulting with or seeking resolution from the tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the office of Principal Chief has demonstrated a commitment to engaging in consultation with communities, entities and other partners with responsible and respectful approaches to referencing tribal cultures.

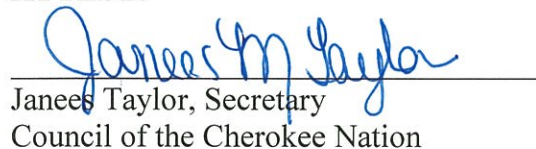
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION that the Council of the Cherokee Nation, hereby supports Tribal Consultation and constructive conversation on the use and further implementation of Native American culture in Boy Scouts of America programing.

CERTIFICATION

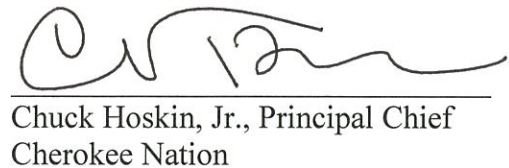
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 12th day of July, 2021, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Joe Byrd, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

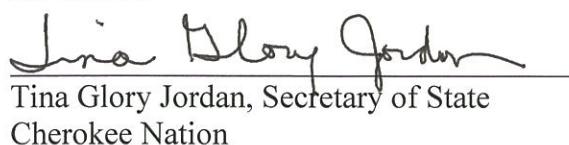
ATTEST:


Janees Taylor, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 15th day of July, 2021.


Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:


Tina Glory Jordan, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

Signature/Initial Date

Executive Director:

Signature/Initial Date

**Treasurer (Required:
Grants/Contracts/Budgets):**

Signature/Initial Date

Government Relations:

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

06/10/21

Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

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Standing Committee & Date:

Rules 6/24/21

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TITLE:

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DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Taralee Montgomery

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Keith Austin

NARRATIVE:

Cherokee Nation has been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America for many years, providing annual contributions to local troops and packs, organizing cultural experiences. Cherokee Nation strongly encourages appropriate tribal consultation and representation in the program.