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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION

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

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;

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution of Cherokee Nation states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention must be submitted to the citizens of Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years at a general or special election;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XV, Section 2 and Article XV, Section 9, the Council of the Cherokee Nation, will cause the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to be submitted to a vote of the Cherokee people.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that a referendum question of whether or not to call a

constitutional convention should be submitted to the duly qualified and registered voters of the Cherokee Nation by placing such question on the ballot during a special election for that purpose, to read as follows:

REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Article XV, Section 9, of the Cherokee Nation Constitution states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to propose adopting amendments, revisions, alterations, or a new constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years. Therefore:

SHOULD A CONVENTION BE CALLED TO PROPOSE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS, REVISIONS, OR A NEW CONSTITUTION?

_____ Yes In favor of calling a constitution convention

_____ No Opposed to calling a constitution convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby directs the Election Commission of the Cherokee Nation to submit the question of a constitution convention to a vote of the duly qualified and registered voters at a special election to be held on June 15, 2024, in accordance with Cherokee Nation law [and the attached election timeline approved by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.](#)