

## Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council 17763 S. Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464

## **Legislation Text**

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## A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF REFURBISHMENT AND STABILIZATION OF BUILDINGS LOCATED AT THE CHILOCCO INDIAN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in 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**, the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School was established in 1883 on land donated by the Cherokee Nation; and

WHEREAS, over 17,000 Native American students attended and over 5,500 Native American students earned high school diplomas at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School from 1883 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Chilocco campus has over 100 buildings, many with great historical significance, and was a self-contained city; and

WHEREAS, these buildings are in a state of disrepair and measures should be taken for their preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Chilocco campus has tremendous potential to again be a national center of Native American education and cultural preservation.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION,** that measures should be taken to restore the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School and that the Council authorizes the Principal Chief to negotiate a contribution and/or loan of up to \$300,000.00 to the Chilocco Benefit Association, Inc.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Principal Chief or designee is authorized to represent the Cherokee Nation on the Board of the Chilocco Benefit Association, Inc. if requested.