



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Legislation Text

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR RENOVATION OF THE JOHN A. KETCHER YOUTH SHELTER AND THE ADDITION OF THREE SINGLE RESIDENT OCCUPANCY UNITS**

**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 Cherokee Nation, in order to continue to prosper in perpetuity, must protect its resources, the most valuable of these being its young people, many of whom are at-risk for destructive behaviors;

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation desires to provide safe housing for young people who have become homeless or destitute, to facilitate the provision of services across a spectrum of existing programs, in order to produce a responsible, self-sufficient adult;

**WHEREAS**, the John A. Ketcher Youth Shelter requires modernization to meet current standards for energy efficiency and safety;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation, by providing safe housing to at-risk youth, will give them an additional resource needed to become responsible and self-sufficient, and will give them opportunities to learn leadership attributes as well as Cherokee culture;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation agrees to continue to provide appropriate staff for the facility and provide case management services for those who are sheltered therein.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council hereby authorizes an application for funding be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant for the renovation of the John A. Ketcher Youth Shelter and the addition of three Single Resident Occupancy units;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Principal Chief (or his designee) shall be authorized to conduct negotiations and execute all official documents in this regard.