



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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A JOINT COUNCIL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF RED CLAY TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation have exercised the sovereign rights of self-governance on behalf of the Cherokee People since time immemorial: and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years the Council Grounds at Red Clay has served as a gathering place for Cherokee and Native American people: and

WHEREAS, the birth of the Cherokee government was envisioned, conspired, and discussed at the Red Clay Council Grounds during Council meetings from 1816 until 1819; and

WHEREAS, following anti-Cherokee laws passed by the State of Georgia in 1830, the official seat of Tribal government was moved from New Echota, Georgia, to Red Clay, [Tennessee, so](http://Tennessee.so) [<http://Tennessee.so>](http://Tennessee.so) that Cherokee leaders could continue to conduct Tribal business; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation held several Council Sessions at the Red Clay Council Grounds between 1832 and 1837 to discuss and develop strategies to avoid Removal: and

WHEREAS, our last Council meeting prior to Removal as one united Tribe was held here at Red Clay in 1837; and

WHEREAS, based upon these facts, the Red Clay Council Grounds are very important and special to the Cherokee people and we wish to recognize and honor the grounds on which we stand today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Joint Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation hereby publicly commemorate the significant historical importance of Red Clay to the Cherokee people.

Submitted by: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Red Clay Planning Committee