



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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, and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation concerns are a developing issue among tribal communities and is an increasing unmet need in tribal communities, and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the NIEJI Innovation Program is expected to research and disseminate the results of the research, and

WHEREAS, The NIEJI Innovation Program is asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement to identify elder maltreatment issues of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the NIEJI Innovation program and the Cherokee Nation will each assume responsibilities:

What the NIEJI Innovation program will provide:

- Native Elder Maltreatment Survey
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers via email or telephone
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What Cherokee Nation will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation with Native Elder Maltreatment survey as applicable
- An estimated number of elders (participants) to interview
- Volunteer interviewers to conduct the survey

- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and the Executive Director of Human Services

WHEREAS, Summary information from your elder maltreatment survey along with a national comparison report will be returned to the Tribal Council and to Marsha Lamb, Human Services Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Cherokee Nation tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this survey will be collected anonymously by Human Services employees with the information stored at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Cherokee Nation hereby authorizes participation in the “Native Elder Maltreatment Survey” and grants permission to the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Innovation Program at the Center for Rural Health at University of North Dakota to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.