



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
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## Legislation Text

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRIBAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION**

**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**, teenage pregnancy in the Cherokee Nation has been linked to increased school dropout rates, drug/alcohol abuse, STD infections, poor mental health;

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that Native American youth have a disproportionately higher risk of becoming pregnant at a younger age;

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Prevention Services has provided a limited pregnancy prevention program in schools within the Cherokee Nation;

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Prevention Services needs to be expanded to include additional community services and to provide more services to alleviate the issues relating to teen pregnancy.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Principal Chief (or his designee) and the Council of the Cherokee Nation authorize that a proposal be submitted to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families to provide service to enable the Cherokee Nation to reduce teenage pregnancies in order to ensure a healthy and productive Cherokee Nation.