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### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION'S JURISDICTIONAL AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic continual government-to-government relationship with the United State of America;

**WHEREAS**, dependent public schools are the heartbeat of rural communities throughout the Cherokee Nation;

**WHEREAS**, there are 26 dependent public schools located within the Nation's jurisdictional area;

**WHEREAS**, of the 6,965 students enrolled at the dependent public schools, 3,294 or 47% are citizens of the Cherokee Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the percentage of Cherokee students enrolled at dependent public schools is proportionately higher than the overall number of Cherokee students enrolled at independent public schools located within Nation's jurisdictional area; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of the dependent public schools will have a devastating effect on the Cherokee citizens attending those schools as well as the Cherokee families living in the surrounding communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation recently contributed \$4.7 million in automobile car tag monies to dependent and independent school districts in accordance with a compact with the State of Oklahoma, demonstrating our on-going support and commitment to all aspects of public education at a time when these monies are greatly needed by public schools in Oklahoma in light of the State of Oklahoma's severe budget crisis.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby declares its support for the dependent public schools located within the Cherokee Nation's jurisdictional area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cherokee Nation values public education in every aspect, that the Cherokee Nation has a long-standing commitment to see that the goals of public education are met, and encourage the State of Oklahoma to make funding of public education its top priority.