



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Legislation Details (With Text)

<b>File #:</b>	24-013	<b>Version:</b>	2	<b>Name:</b>	N/A
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution	<b>Status:</b>	Passed		
<b>File created:</b>	2/14/2024	<b>In control:</b>	TRIBAL COUNCIL		
<b>On agenda:</b>	2/29/2024	<b>Final action:</b>	3/20/2024		
<b>Enactment date:</b>	3/11/2024	<b>Enactment #:</b>	R-006-24		
<b>Title:</b>	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION				
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski, Victoria Vazquez, Johnny Kidwell, Kevin Easley Jr., Danny Callison, Joe Deere, Candessa Tehee, Julia Coates				
<b>Indexes:</b>	Ballots, Constitutional Convention				
<b>Code sections:</b>	N/A - Not Applicable				
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. 24-013 Special Election TL, 2. R-06-24				

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/20/2024	2	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF	Signed	
3/11/2024	2	TRIBAL COUNCIL	Approved	Pass
2/29/2024	1	RULES COMMITTEE	Approved and Forwarded to Council	Pass

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION ON A CONSTITUTION CONVENTION AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION

**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 and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution of Cherokee Nation states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention must be submitted to the citizens of Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years at a general or special election;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article XV, Section 2 and Article XV, Section 9, the Council of the Cherokee Nation, will cause the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to be submitted to a vote of the Cherokee people.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that a referendum question of whether or not to call a

constitutional convention should be submitted to the duly qualified and registered voters of the Cherokee Nation by placing such question on the ballot during a special election for that purpose, to read as follows:

REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Article XV, Section 9, of the Cherokee Nation Constitution states that the question of whether or not to call a constitution convention to propose adopting amendments, revisions, alterations, or a new constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the Cherokee Nation at least once every twenty (20) years. Therefore:

SHOULD A CONVENTION BE CALLED TO PROPOSE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS, ALTERATIONS, REVISIONS, OR A NEW CONSTITUTION?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes     In favor of calling a constitution convention

\_\_\_\_\_ No     Opposed to calling a constitution convention.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby directs the Election Commission of the Cherokee Nation to submit the question of a constitution convention to a vote of the duly qualified and registered voters at a special election to be held on June 15, 2024, in accordance with Cherokee Nation law [and the attached election timeline approved by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.](#)