



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Legislation Text

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, TO APPLY FOR VETERANS CEMETERY GRANTS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF NATION TO ESTABLISH A CHEROKEE VETERAN CEMETERY**

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

**WHEREAS**, 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**, Cherokee Nation supports the proposed establishment of a Cherokee Veteran Cemetery within the fourteen (14) county jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation, and the development of a grant application to request necessary funding through the Veteran's Cemetery Grant Program made available by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation commits and obligates the trust land necessary to operate the cemetery for no less than twenty (20) years. The final site will be subject to approval by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation assumes all responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Veteran Cemetery in accordance with the operational standards and measures of the National Cemetery Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Nation acknowledges a matching ten percent of the total grant award financial contribution to begin the design and planning work for the Veteran Cemetery, and is eligible for reimbursement after award; and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, the Council hereby authorizes an application for funding to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Cemetery Grants Program for these purposes; and that Principal Chief, Bill John Baker, and/or his designee is authorized to sign documents necessary to submit said application on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.