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RESOLUTION NO. 06-24

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

### 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

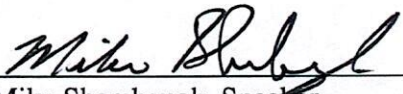
\_\_\_\_\_ No Opposed to calling a constitution convention.


**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.


### CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
Mike Shambaugh, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:  
  
Dora Smith Patzkowski, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 19 day of March, 2024

  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:  
  
Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation