

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS TO RESTORE THE NAME OF KUWOHI
TO THE MOUNTAIN PRESENTLY KNOWN AS CLINGMANS DOME

- WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and ensures all residents have equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable lives;
- WHEREAS, on the 16th day of November 2021, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners proclaimed an effort to celebrate indigenous people, we also acknowledged our nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted great discrimination and genocide upon indigenous people and recognize that truth must come before reconciliation;
- WHEREAS, the area currently known as Buncombe County, North Carolina rests on land that was first inhabited by the Cherokee and their ancestors; and which covered more than 100,000 square miles of what today is western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and upstate South Carolina; and white settlers began arriving in what would become Buncombe County in the 1760s and laid false claim to this Cherokee land;
- WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, a federally recognized Indian tribe with sovereign powers of self-government, endure to this day, now living in the Qualla Boundary just to our west having survived diseases, loss of lands, forced relocation, and family separations;
- WHEREAS, on the 14th day of July 2022, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians unanimously supported a resolution to restore the name Kuwohi to the mountain presently known as "Clingmans Dome;" and
- WHEREAS, this Board has received a copy of the Tribal Council's resolution and has been asked if it will support Tribal efforts to restore the name Kuwohi to the land presently known as "Clingmans Dome."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board hereby declares its support of any and all efforts of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to restore the name Kuwohi to the mountain presently known as "Clingmans Dome."
2. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be,

and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 2nd of August, 2022.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney