
“New Jasper Resolution- Cherokee Unity Proclamation”

Preamble:

In October 1993, thirty-eight Cherokee Indian groups signed the "Jasper Resolution" which proclaimed mutual recognition of each other as valid tribal associations comprised of membership with Tsalagi heritage and lineage. We wish to reaffirm the meaning and spirit of the "Jasper Resolution" and form a new covenant to make official our mutual pride felt Cherokee beliefs.

Our New Resolution- Part One:

"We the peoples of Cherokee descent, add our signatures to this new resolution in order to confront the injustices of the past and to build unity and strength for the future of those American citizens (& relatives of American citizens) who are descendants of the Cherokee race of people. We do hereby recognize each of the peoples, clans, and tribes here assembled as being true Cherokee. We are First Nation descendants of Tsalagi blood, culture and heritage. Each of our groups are valid descendants of those who share and claim their given rights as Tsalagi people."

[Inspired by the historical "Jasper resolution" signed under the auspices of the assembled council fire of the "Cherokee Unity Council", JASPER TENNESSEE, MARION COUNTY PARK, 08/10/1993. For the original wording of the "Jasper Resolution", see "Wotanging Ikche" - a Native American Newsletter, VOLUME 01, ISSUE 031, 23 Oct. 1993.]

Our New Resolution- Part Two:

Each of our individual groups in this “unity confederation” clearly state that the term “people of Cherokee decent” refers to a lineage with FULL INCLUSION and ACCEPTANCE of the descendants of the historic Cherokee Freedman. We stipulate that members descending from the Cherokee Freedman will have equal status, rights, treatment, and respect- within our individual groups, and between our groups. (This is true also for Cherokees with additional African-American roots too.)

In most cases, our memberships are composed of mixed- blood Cherokees, some of whom possess additional and honored bloodlines from other Native American tribal groups. Our commonality here is that we are all Cherokees through decent and heritage.

Other groups (Tribal and Inter-tribal) who acknowledge our collective identities as true Cherokees are welcome to join with us in peace and friendship.

Our New Resolution- Part three:

All CHEROKEE individuals have the inalienable right to join together as Cherokees. We are an "indigenous people", "as per" the "Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, September of 2007.

Accordingly we recognize articles 2, 9, and 10 from the above named UN Declaration, as pertaining to the deserved rights of our respective Cherokee organizations, to assert and validate our identity and our membership as true Tsalagi:

Article 2 (from the United Nations Declaration)-

"Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity."

Article 9 (from the United Nations Declaration)-

"Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right to belong to an indigenous community or nation, in accordance with the traditions and customs of the community or nation concerned. No discrimination of any kind may arise from the exercise of such a right."

Article 33 (from the United Nations Declaration)-

"1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions. This does not impair the right of indigenous individuals to obtain citizenship of the States in which they live.

2. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine the structures and to select the membership of their institutions in accordance with their own procedures."

AND ALSO: Article 8 (United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, U.N. Doc. E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/56, see XVI.; adopted)-

"Indigenous peoples have the collective and individual right to maintain and develop their distinct identities and characteristics, including the right to identify themselves as indigenous and to be recognized as such" (with emphasis).

By signing onto this PROCLAMATION, we agree to the above stated Resolution- parts one, two, and three. The commitment to these ideals, here within, places us in a state of commonality that implies the creation of a loose "Cherokee Unity Confederation" based on our declared Cherokee decent and heritage and mutual respect.

Drafted for all, by:

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Gigage-asgaya Gvdodi Waya-dikata, Missouri Clan Chief - The United Cherokee Nation (UCN)
Sagonige Awi Uwohili, Past Virginia Clan Chief - The United Cherokee Nation (UCN)**

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN)

Tribal Representative: Principal Chief Nvya Yona, (Stone Bear), Arizona Clan Chief

Date: March 03, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Missouri Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Gigage-asgaya Gvdodi Waya-dikata

Date: March 03, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - California Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Gray Wolf

Date: March 03, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Virginia Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Bright Sun, Member - Blue Deer Eagle

Date: March 03, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United People of the Cherokee Nation (UPCN) - California Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Bear Warrior, Standing Deer - Illinois Clan

Date: March 03, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Alabama Clan

Tribal Representative: Member Rabbit, Member Selu and Member Eagle Two Feathers

Date: March 05, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Georgia Clan

Tribal Representative: Member Golden Eagle, Member Autumn Sky and Member Swamp Walker

Date: March 05, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Florida Clan

Tribal Representative: Member Morning Star, Member Singing Dove and Member Walking Bear

Date: March 05, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Idaho Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Joe Cohea

Date: March 07, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Louisiana Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Two Horses

Date: March 07, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Cyprus Clan

Tribal Representative: Member Night Eagle

Date: March 07, 2008

Cherokee organization: Amonsoquath Band of Cherokee

Tribal Representative: Chief Yo-na Ei (Walking Bear)

Date: April 04, 2008

Cherokee organization: Overhill Cherokee Band

Tribal Representative: Man Many Trees - Head Elder

Date: April 09, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Virginia Clan

Tribal Representative: Members - Johnny Talking River Stockman and Janice Mountain Woman Stockman

Date: April 12, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) - Wisconsin Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief Dancing Red Hawk

Date: April 12, 2008

Cherokee organization: North-Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Tribal Representative: Ukuwiyuhi Okena Tsali Littlehawk, Long Hair Clan

Date: May 11, 2008

Cherokee organization: Alapaha River Band of Cherokee Inc.

Tribal Representative: Principal Chief Joan Thomas "Walk With Spirit" Nelson

Date: May 13, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Georgia Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Reginald "Wodige Wehali" Solomon

Date: June 04, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Florida Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Tina "Quietdreamer" Warren

Date: July 04, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Arkansas Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Terry "Cherokee Warrior" Evers

Date: July 18, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Tennessee Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Linda "Seeker Of The Truth" Hatt

Date: July 18, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Tennessee Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - Samantha "Nature Woman" Hatt

Date: August 15, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - South Dakota Clan

Tribal Representative: Member- Randy "Standing Oak" Brickey

Date: September 02, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - New Mexico Clan

Tribal Representative: Member- Frances Wilson

Date: October 12, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Alberta, Canada Clan

Tribal Representative: Member- Scott "Wandering Crow" Milton

Date: October 16, 2008

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - West Virginia Clan

Tribal Representative: Chief - Mark "Deer Stalker" Stiefer

Date: February 23, 2009

Cherokee organization: The United Cherokee Nation - Washington Clan

Tribal Representative: Member - John "Tsani" Sumerlin

Date: September 16, 2009

Cherokee organization:

Tribal Representative:

Date: