

RESOLUTION No. 2026--

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC LANDS IN
CHEROKEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cherokee County is home to significant natural resources, including forests, waterways, mountain landscapes, and public recreational areas which contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the unspoiled forest scenery and rural landscapes of Cherokee County are vital not only to residents' quality of life but also to the County's identity, tourism appeal, and economic sustainability.

WHEREAS, many citizens of Cherokee County value the conservation of public lands and the protection of natural resources for environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic reasons; and

WHEREAS, public lands within and around Cherokee County provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the water quality of our streams, rivers, and lakes remains exceptionally high due to extensive protection which safeguards these watersheds from erosion, pollution, and sedimentation; and

WHEREAS, residents have expressed an interest in maintaining access to public lands and preserving the scenic character of the County; and

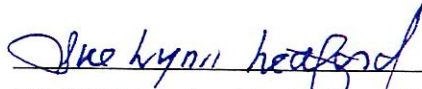
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of considering potential impacts to natural resources, public infrastructure, public services, and recreational opportunities when evaluating land use and development issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners expresses its support for the responsible stewardship and conservation of public lands and natural resources within Cherokee County.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2026.



Ben Adams, Chairman



Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford, Vice-Chair



Mark Stiles, Member

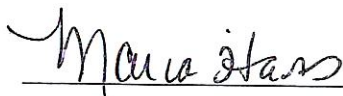


Dr. Jeana Conley, Member



Jan Griggs, Member

ATTEST:



Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board