



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Cherokee Agency
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

IN REPLY REFER TO,

Michell Hicks, Principal Chief
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O. Box 455
88 Council House Loop Cherokee, NC 28719

Dear Chief Hicks:

Attached is signed Tribal Council Resolution/Ordinance No. 381 introduced on November 6, 2014 and **Passed** on December 11, 2014. Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (828) 497-3360.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

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Date

ORDINANCE NO. 381 (2014)

WHEREAS, The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for generation upon generation have recognized a marriage to consist of the union between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, recent court cases throughout the country on this topic have triggered the local review and response of strengthening the laws within this jurisdiction to best protect the institution of marriage; and

WHEREAS, God's Holy word defines marriage as being between a man and a woman only, according to Genesis 1:27; and, it defines homosexuality, etc. being error according to Romans 1:27; and

WHEREAS, Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."; and

WHEREAS, Romans 1:26-27 states, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Tribal Council Assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians does hereby amend Chapter 50 of the Cherokee Code to read as follows:

Chapter 50 - FAMILY LAW

ARTICLE I. - MARRIAGE

Sec. 50-1. - Marriage.

The institution of marriage between a man and a woman is recognized in the territory of the Eastern Band and shall be officially solemnized by any ordained minister or any judicial official of the Cherokee court. For a marriage to be legally recognized, a couple seeking to marry shall obtain a marriage license from, and record it with, the register of deeds in their county of residence. Alternatively, members of the Eastern Band may elect to obtain a marriage license from, and record it with, the Cherokee court. The licensing and solemnization of same sex marriages are not allowed within this jurisdiction.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that all ordinances inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this ordinance shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: Denny Crowe, Bo Parris, Ben Reed and Gilbert Breedlove

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 381 dated November 6, 2014 was:

PASSED (x)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on December 11, 2014 by 68 voting for the act
and 6 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Teresa McCoy			x	
Perry Shell	x			
Tunney Crowe				x
B Ensley				x
David Wolfe	x			
Bill Taylor	x			
Terri Henry		x		
Brandon Jones	x			
Adam Wachacha	x			
Bo Crowe	x			
Albert Rose	x			
Tommye Saunooke	x			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN


ENGLISH CLERK


PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ()

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DATE: 12-16-14

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

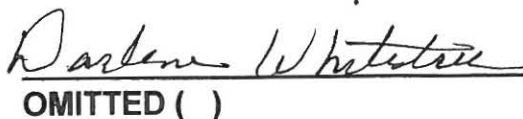
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and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and
has been fully and freely discussed.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Band
of Indians. Superintendent, Cherokee Indian Agency.

INTERPRETED ()


OMITTED ()