

Sample Proclamation



It IS Your Business: Violence Against Native Women Is Not Traditional

Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians And Cherokee National Joint Council

October 5, 2000

Resolution No. _____ (2000)

WHEREAS, the Joint Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation recognize that domestic and family violence is a serious crime against women, the Tribe, the family and society; and

WHEREAS, American Indian women experience the highest rate of violent crime than that of all races, age 12 and over; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are all forms of violence experienced by women; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse and/or including the abuse to children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the strength of the Tribe is founded on healthy families and safety of victims of domestic violence, especially women and children and must be ensured by immediate intervention of the Tribal justice system and other responsible and appropriate services; and

WHEREAS, violence against women is inconsistent with traditional Cherokee values and will not be excused or tolerated; and

WHEREAS, the sovereignty of the Tribal Nation depends on domestic security that supports the respect for the sovereignty of Cherokee women, who keep the bloodlines of our Nations alive.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation in Joint Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the aforementioned Tribes hereby proclaim the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all Tribal citizens to work toward strengthening our Tribe through the creation of a safe environment for all.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation are hereby authorized to carry out the intent of the resolution.

- Submitted by Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women
- Developed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee National Joint Council

Sacred Circle thanks the Qualla Women's Justice Alliance for submitting, and their Joint Council, for supporting this resolution. We have added the October DVAM logo and slogan, and offer this as a sample to use within your own community.