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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

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RESOLUTION NO. 224 (2016)

WHEREAS, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have enjoyed Fontana Lake and other regional lakes for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Fontana Lake is managed and operated as a reservoir of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and,

WHEREAS, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians own and enjoy non-navigable boathouses and floating houses on the Fontana Reservoir and have invested significant assets and resources into these structures; and,

WHEREAS, the TVA has allowed non-navigable boathouses and floating houses to proliferate through open non-enforcement of its regulations for nearly four decades; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, TVA proposed a sunset provision that would require all non-navigable boathouses and floating houses to be removed from TVA lakes within twenty years; and,

WHEREAS, the non-navigable boathouse and floating house owners support TVA's new proposed environmental and safety regulations, as detailed in TVA Floating Houses Policy Review EIS Alternative B1, that would alleviate TVA's concerns without requiring the removal of these floating houses; and,

WHEREAS, non-navigable boathouses and floating houses are essential to the economic stability of regional marinas that provide employment and recreational opportunities for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council does hereby urge the Tennessee Valley Authority to reject a sunset provision that would require all non-navigable boathouses and floating houses to be removed from TVA lakes at some point in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal Council supports TVA EIS Alternative B1, which would grandfather existing non-navigable boathouses and floating houses but prohibit new.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for transmittal to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority upon ratification of the Principal Chief.

Submitted by: Albert Rose and Erik Sneed