

except where so prohibited, all laws necessary and proper to promote, establish, regulate, insure, administer, and provide for the following, but not limited hereto:

the common defense, the general welfare, the economic well-being, the domestic tranquility, to uphold justice, and secure the blessings of fundamental freedom and sovereign equality for all the people of the Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOVEREIGN CHEROKEE NATION TEJAS (SCNT).

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ENGLISH NAME

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHEROKEE NAME

ROLL # \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the Constitution in its present form \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

I do not accept the Constitution in its present form \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

Please Mail originals back to the SCNT for our records.

## ARTICLE II.

We, The People of the Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas, recognizing that the individual is the foundation of culture, society and of the nation, and whereas it is a fundamental right of all individuals to practice and perpetuate the indigenous culture, society, and nation into which they are born, do hereby resolve that Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas, shall make no laws or have no laws that prohibit or abridge a citizen's right:

\*\*\* to be guaranteed the greatest degree of personal freedom through a Republican form of limited government with free elections \*\*\* to have the provision for initiative, referendum and amendment to this Constitution \*\*\* to freely exercise one's religion in public or private \*\*\* to have free and unabridged speech and press \*\*\* to keep and bear large and small Arms and to protect one's self and property \*\*\* to be secure in one's person, dwellings, papers and effects against unreasonable search and seizure, and that no warrants shall be issued, except upon probable cause, supported by Oath or Affirmation, and describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized \*\*\* to refuse to provide testimony against one's self or being compelled to be a witness against one's self in any civil or criminal case \*\*\* to be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law \*\*\* to refuse to yield one's personal property for the public good and use, without the owners just consent and being justly compensated therefore \*\*\* to have a speedy trial by a jury of one's fellow men or to be guaranteed that one will not be placed free from laws which impair contracts or are retroactive, unequally applied, or non-uniform \*\*\* to be free from all forms of direct taxation which includes personal income, business income and inheritance \*\*\* to have anything except gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts public and private \*\*\* to have any information pertaining to one's private business or personal affairs disclosed by any person within the government or its agencies without one's express consent \*\*\* to be guaranteed that all power which is not specifically delegated to the government or prohibited thereto shall inviolably rest with the people \*\*\*

## ARTICLE III.

The power of this government is administered by the Governing Council, which shall be composed of the Council of Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs is all Chiefs active or retired within the Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas.

## ARTICLE IV.

Notwithstanding the provision of Article III, the Governing Council of the Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas reserves to itself the power to propose laws or amendments to this Constitution as so brought before them or the Senate of Law by the Citizens of this Nation through petition, initiative, or referendum.

## ARTICLE V.

The Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas Governing Council affirmed and aided by the Senate to ensure that all such persons within the government are duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified and to acknowledge the existence of the Great Spirit and the future state of reward or punishment subject to His divine province, and to promise or swear to protect and defend this Constitution while in office and/or as a citizen, shall have the complete and unencumbered authority to make for its citizens,



**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**SOVEREIGN CHEROKEE NATION TEJAS**

WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVEREIGN CHEROKEE NATION TEJAS, in Representative Council, in order to preserve and enrich our ancient tribal culture and maintain a desirable measure of prosperity, insure peace and tranquility among our brothers and sisters, and secure to ourselves and to our posterity the blessings of freedom and liberty, acknowledging, with humility and gratitude the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in permitting us to partake of His country as set before us, and imploring His aid and guidance in its accomplishment, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the government of this Sovereign Free Independent Indian Nation as the supreme law of the land to which all citizens are bound by honor, and with a pledge of allegiance to preserve, protect, and defend this Nation with all our being so long as the grass grows, the water flows, and the wind blows.

**ARTICLE I.**

We, The People of The Sovereign Cherokee Nation Tejas, determined to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and freedom of all indigenous people, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in equal rights to all men and women, and of all nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for obligations arising from treaties and other sources of International Law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in greater freedom, **AND FOR THESE ENDS:**

to practice tolerance and to live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, and

to preserve and foster the indigenous culture and traditions of the North American Indian, and

to restore the dignity and human rights of the North American Indian of which they have been historically deprived, and

to promote the political, social, and economic well-being of all indigenous North American Indians, and

to create and establish an economically viable homeland for all indigenous Indians of the North, Central, and South American Continents, distinct, separate, and independent of the dominion and control of all reservations and other governments save and except free sovereign Indian self rule.