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The Honorable Chadwick Smith  
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation  
P.O. Box 948  
Tablequah, Oklahoma 74465-0948

Dear Chief Smith:

On July 10, 2007, the Regional Director, Eastern Oklahoma Office submitted a memorandum to us recommending approval of an amendment to Article XV of the Cherokee Nation Constitution. The proposed amendment strikes Section 10 of Article XV, which requires the Cherokee Nation to submit amendments for review and approval by the Secretary of the Interior. The proposed amendment was presented to the voters at an election held on June 23, 2007, and it was adopted by a vote of 7,946 (66.77%) for and 3,955 (33.23%) against.

The constitutional amendment adopted by the voters of the Cherokee Nation on June 23, 2007, is hereby approved pursuant to the authority granted by the Cherokee Nation Constitution and by the authority delegated to me under 130 DM 3 (April 23, 2003). Nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action that would be contrary to Federal law.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Artman  
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

cc: Director, Eastern Oklahoma Region