

# CHEROKEES OF NEW MEXICO BY-LAWS

## I. NAME

The name of this association shall be Cherokees of New Mexico.

## II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for the transaction of business for the association shall be located at 11713 San Jacinto NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123.

## III. PURPOSE

The Cherokees of New Mexico, in conjunction with the Cherokee Nation - Resolution 11-85 adopted and approved by the Council of the Cherokee Nation, shall:

- 1) Afford a link with the Cherokee Nation.
- 2) Enhance and strengthen tribal membership.
- 3) Support the interests of tribal members residing in New Mexico.
- 4) Preserve and perpetuate Cherokee heritage, culture, and history.
- 5) Provide community and national support to Cherokee members.
- 6) Support the efforts of the Cherokee Nation and national Indian interest groups.

## IV. MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three (3) categories of membership of this association: Regular members, Co-members, and Associate members. All members of the association must have paid annual dues to the Cherokees of New Mexico.

Regular members shall be Cherokee Indian tribal members, as recognized by the Cherokee Nation.

Co-members are the spouse of a regular member, or other family members living within the household of a regular or associate member.

Associate members shall be individuals of Cherokee ancestry, or who are non-Cherokee and wish to be joined to the group.