

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-018**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE CHEROKEE REGIONAL LAND BANK AUTHORITY; TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH COOPERATING MUNICIPALITIES TOWARD AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF THE CHEROKEE REGIONAL LAND BANK AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, in enacting the Georgia Land Bank Act, O.C.G.A. § 48-4-100, *et seq.* (hereinafter “Act”), the Georgia General Assembly found that there exists in the State of Georgia a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of the State of Georgia and local units of government in this State; and

**WHEREAS**, further, the Act establishes that it is in the best interests of the State of Georgia and local units of government in this State to assemble or dispose of public property, including dilapidated, abandoned and tax delinquent property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property and to promote economic growth in the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act permits a county and one or more municipal corporations located wholly or partially within the county to establish a land bank, the purpose of which would be to acquire tax delinquent and other properties in order to foster the public purpose of returning property which is non-revenue generating and non-tax producing to an effective utilization status in order to provide housing, new industry and jobs for the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee County (hereinafter “County”) is a duly formed political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Georgia has determined that the establishment of a land bank is in the best interest of the citizens of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the City of Ball Ground, the City of Canton, the City of Holly Springs, the City of Nelson, the City of Waleska, and the City of Woodstock (collectively hereinafter “the Parties”), desire to work collaboratively in order to form the Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have collectively met on several occasions and entered preliminary discussions regarding the formation, organization, and funding of the same; and

**WHEREAS**, staff now desires to seek the input of the Board in order to move forward with these discussions; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall solidify the intent of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to move forward with the creation of the Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority and directs staff to work with cooperating municipalities on draft documents to bring forward at a later date for Board consideration and implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same, that the Board of Commissioners hereby supports the creation of the Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority and directs staff to continue working toward implementation of the same.

**SO RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

By:

  
HARRY B. JOHNSTON., Chairman

Attest:

  
CHRISTY BLACK, County Clerk

