



# The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

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## Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina Diocesan Convention 2022 Resolution 4

### RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TO RESTORE THE NAME OF KUWOHI TO THE MOUNTAIN PRESENTLY KNOWN AS CLINGSMANS DOME

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina is committed to creating beloved communities which celebrate diversity and in which everyone has equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable lives; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina rests on land that was first inhabited by the Cherokee and their ancestors; and which covered more than 100,000 square miles of what today includes western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and upstate South Carolina; and which was illegally appropriated by white settlers through violence and numerous broken treaties; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe with sovereign powers of self-government, endures to this day, now living primarily on the Qualla Boundary just to our west, having survived diseases, loss of land, forced relocation, and family separations; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of July 2022, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians unanimously supported a resolution petitioning the government of the United States to restore the name Kuwohi to the mountain presently known as Clingmans Dome; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina is committed to establishing an on-going relationship of mutuality, respect and support with our Cherokee neighbors on the Qualla Boundary and throughout Western North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 100th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina hereby declares its support of any and all efforts of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to restore the name Kuwohi to the mountain presently known as Clingmans Dome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to both the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and to the Board of Geographic Names of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

*Submitted by St. James Church, Black Mountain, and the Becoming Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese (and based on a similar resolution of support passed unanimously by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners on August 2, 2022).*