

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 73: Sovereignty

Chapter 4: Cherokee Nation Treaty, Compact and Agreement Act

§ 303. Definitions

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For the purposes of this chapter:

1. **"Cherokee Nation"** means Cherokee Nation, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.
2. **"Compact"** means an agreement usually applied to agreements between nations or sovereign states.
3. **"Comprehensive budget"** means the incomes and expenditures as estimated, balanced, and approved by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council.
4. **"Contract"** means a promissory agreement, to do or abstain from doing some act, in exchange for sufficient consideration, between two or more parties that creates, modifies or destroys some legal relation.
5. **"Credit of Cherokee Nation"** means obligation of tribal funds, property resources in which Cherokee Nation has an interest.
6. **"Memorandum of Understanding"** means a written document embodying the terms of an agreement that the parties desire to fix by an informal written document, which will serve as the basis for a future formal contract.
7. **"Principal Chief"** means the duly elected and confirmed Principal Chief, Executive Officer of the Cherokee Nation.
8. **"Property of Cherokee Nation"** means real estate owned or sought to be purchased by Cherokee Nation.
9. **"Rights or privileges"** means liberty, property, monetary, constitutional or legal interest held by citizens of Cherokee Nation.
10. **"Sovereignty"** means the matters that concern the boundaries, or territory, or the jurisdiction, or treaty rights, or the powers or the rights of self-governance of Cherokee Nation.
11. **"Substantial assets"** means litigation that involves an amount in controversy in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

12. "**Treaty**" means a compact made between Cherokee Nation and one or more other independent nations or tribes, which if properly authorized and ratified becomes law.

13. "**Tribal Council**" means the duly elected and confirmed person(s) of the Legislative Branch of Cherokee Nation.

Historical Data

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