

## RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

Adopting The New Cherokee County Courthouse And Establishing Its First Day Of Official Business

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee County, Alabama has a long and storied judicial history, with the first courthouse constructed in 1849, followed by subsequent courthouses built in 1882 and 1895 after prior structures were destroyed by fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the fourth Cherokee County Courthouse was constructed in 1937 with the assistance of the federal Public Works Administration and has faithfully served the citizens of Cherokee County for nearly nine decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration of justice stands as one of the most fundamental responsibilities of Cherokee County, requiring facilities that reflect both the dignity of the law and the needs of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, for nearly ninety years, the historic courthouse has stood as a symbol of justice, public service, and the rule of law in Cherokee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of a growing population and advancements in the administration of justice have necessitated the construction of a modern courthouse facility;

**WHEREAS**, after several months of tireless efforts by the Chairman of the County Commission, County Administrator, and the Judges, District Attorney and Circuit Clerk of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit;

**WHEREAS**, after approximately two years of construction, a new Cherokee County Courthouse has been completed, consisting of approximately 37,000 square feet and designed to improve efficiency, safety, accessibility, and the delivery of judicial services to the citizens of Cherokee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the new courthouse, located at 373 East Main Street, Centre, Alabama, includes modern courtrooms, enhanced security features, and improved accessibility for the public and court personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee County Commission, in coordination with the Cherokee County Public Building Authority, the judiciary, and other county officials, has overseen the completion of this important public project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:**

### **1. Adoption of the New Courthouse**

The Cherokee County Commission hereby formally accepts, adopts, and designates the new Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 373 East Main Street, Centre, Alabama, as the official courthouse of Cherokee County.

### **2. First Day of Official Business**

The Commission hereby designates **April 15, 2026**, as the first day upon which official court proceedings and county judicial operations shall be conducted in the new Cherokee County Courthouse.