



### Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama Recognizes Israel as a sovereign Jewish Nation and Jerusalem as its Eternal Undivided Capital



September 25, 2021 (Guntersville, AL) – Following a **unanimous** vote of the **Tribal Council**, the **Cherokee** Tribe of Northeast Alabama expressed **solidarity** with Israel as a sovereign Jewish Nation, and formally **recognized** Jerusalem as its eternal undivided capital. It was an expression of covenant and brotherhood, out of a shared bond, with both being indigenous peoples who sense a deep calling and divine responsibility to steward sacred lands.

For many the **timing** was also especially **meaningful** as the resolution was signed and presented from the Cherokee Tribal Council during **Sukkoth**, the **biblical** Feast of Tabernacles on the Hebrew Calendar - a holy season of the year when Israel remembers their dwelling in tents after the deliverance from Egypt, celebrates with thanksgiving the annual ingathering of the fruits of the Land, and is the very time when the Shekinah glory of God filled the biblical temple as Solomon dedicated it in Jerusalem (2 Chr 5-7). That same “Temple Mount,” and its historic foundation still visible at that very same site (including the “Western Wall”), remain one of the holiest sites of Judaism and is located in “East Jerusalem” - which many dispute claiming Jews have no right to (and therefore “occupy”).

In a time when many call for the dividing of Jerusalem with East Jerusalem as the capital of an Arab state, it is very **significant** that a strong **voice** and **witness** recognizing an undivided Jerusalem as the capital of a Jewish state comes from the Cherokee, an indigenous people pre-dating the modern ideological, partisan, and geo-political lines.

