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### CHEROKEE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

#### **GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT**

To: Honorable Ellen McElyea Chief Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia Honorable David L. Cannon, Jr. Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia

Honorable M. Anthony Baker Judge, Superior Court Cherokee County, Georgia

We, the members of the Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the May 2022 Term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, heard <u>128</u> Bills of Indictment, returned <u>128</u> True Bills and <u>0</u> No Bills.

# Presentment 1

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Bailiffs Fay McCurry, Tom Owen and Pat Turner for their diligent assistance in arranging materials for the Grand Jury proceedings, managing the schedule for cases to be presented, coordinating Grand Jury payroll and ensuring that all of the Grand Jury proceedings ran smoothly.

#### Presentment 2

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, commend District Attorney Shannon Wallace, each of her Assistant District Attorneys and staff members, and each law enforcement officer and investigator associated with the cases brought before this Grand Jury for their professionalism and hard work in protecting the citizens of Cherokee County.

#### Presentment 3

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, were notified of the expiration of terms of four members of the Cherokee County Airport Authority. After noting that these vacancies had been properly advertised pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-12-81, the Grand Jury reviewed all applications and nominations on file and also interviewed all applicants. Pursuant to Ga. L. 1968, p. 1545, as amended 1987, the Grand Jury appointed George McClure, Quentin Thomas, John Marinko, and Gabe Chatham to the Cherokee County Airport Authority for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2022.

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, also want to express our appreciation and gratitude to all of the members of the Cherokee County Airport Authority for their service and commitment to the citizens of Cherokee County and the Cherokee County Airport. During this appointment process,

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we, the May 2022 Grand Jury, were provided with a lot of informative information about the Cherokee County Airport and the Cherokee County Airport Authority, which consists of volunteer-members who oversee the daily operations and functions of the Cherokee County Airport and ensure the airport is run efficiently. We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, encourage the citizens of Cherokee County who are unfamiliar with this tremendous asset to Cherokee County learn about the Cherokee County Airport as it is an extremely well-run airport of which the citizens of Cherokee County can be extremely proud.

# Presentment 4

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, express our thanks to the Honorable Judge David Cannon. Jr. for his professionalism and informative empanelment of this Grand Jury.

#### Recommendation 1

We, the May 2022 Grand Jury, have found parking at the Justice Center to be inadequate and in need of immediate expansion. Until the number of parking spaces increase, we, the May 2022 Grand Jury, recommend parking spaces be reserved for all jurors during grand jury and jury trials. Likewise, we, the May 2022 Grand Jury, recommend Grand Jury not be held on the same day as the start of any jury trial week due to the number of jurors required to be in the building.

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

Jerna Hough
Assistant Grand Jury Foreperson

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# <u>ORDER</u>

It is ordered that the within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentment having been read and considered, the same be filed.

It is further ordered that a copy of the Grand Jury Presentment, along with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Cherokee Tribune for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the day of , 20

Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit