

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 98-27

A Resolution Encouraging Member Tribes to Recognize/Establish an Indian Voters League Within Their Jurisdictions and to Support Efforts to Increase Native American Participation in State and Federal Elections

WHEREAS,

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

1998 is an election year for state and federal offices, and

WHEREAS,

Traditionally, Native American participation in such elections is significantly less than our percentage of the state's population, and

WHEREAS,

There is a need for an overall effort by Tribes and Tribal leaders to encourage members to vote in state and federal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That member tribes are hereby encouraged to actively support efforts to increase Native American participation in state and federal elections by recognizing or establishing an Indian Voters League – or similar organization within their respective jurisdictions.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Fountainhead State Lodge, Oklahoma on July 10, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
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Jerry Haney Signed
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