

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

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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,

It is a tradition for the members of the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council to join the Nation during the time set aside to honor our older citizens, reorganize their continued contributions and call attention to the issues that affect them most and

WHEREAS,

The President of the United States in support of the United Nations has designated the year 1999 as the "International Year of the Older Persons" with the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages", and

WHEREAS,

Aging is a life-long process and preparation for old age begins in childhood and continues through the life cycle, and

WHEREAS,

The aging of the Five Civilized Tribes population represents an unparalleled, but urgent policy and program challenged to both public and private organization so to ensure that the needs of the elderly and their human resources are adequately addressed, and

WHEREAS,

With adoption of this resolution the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes reaffirms their principals with those of the United Nation's General assembly of Independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity for their elderly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma proclaim the year 1999 as "the Year of the Older Person."

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting on July 9, 1999, by a vote of 21 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

J. Garland Eagle Signed for
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Jack Pate Signed for
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
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Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
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Seminole Nation

David Brown Signed for
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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