

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

NUMBER 2000-12

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSORTIUM OF THE HEALTHCARE  
SYSTEMS FOR THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

**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 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,**

It is the intention of the leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes that the health care of our citizens is of high priority, and

**WHEREAS,**

Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Indian people in Oklahoma, and

**WHEREAS,**

There is very little data nationally on cancer incidence and prevalence in the Indian population, and the Oklahoma State Cancer Registry has not captured all cancer data for Indian people living in Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS,**

This registry will generate valuable data which will help develop cancer treatment and prevention programs which are vital to improve the health and the quality of life of Indian people.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby endorses and supports the establishment of a cancer registry for Indian people living within the boundaries of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma.

## CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada, Oklahoma on April 7, 2000, by a vote of 21 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

John A. Ketcher Signed for  
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed  
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief  
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed  
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James Factor Signed for  
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation

Jefferson Keal Signed for  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
Chickasaw Nation