

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



A Resolution of Opposing H.R. 1066: Amending the Indian Arts and Crafts Act

Resolution No. 13-19



WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



WHEREAS, a bill was introduced to the House of Representatives amending the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644); and



WHEREAS, the definition of INDIAN, will be proposed to include members of an Indian Organization who "is a direct lineal descendant of a person listed on a judgment fund distribution list, roll, or census of Indians or other document prepared and approved by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary's authorized representative, whether or not such judgment fund distribution list, roll, census or document is used by an Indian tribe to determine membership; and



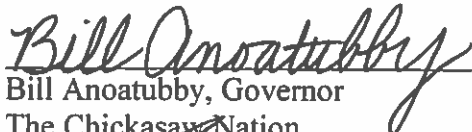
WHEREAS, the proposed amendment also includes a clarification to add any non-profit organization that is chartered as a section 501(c)3 organization with the State in which the organization is headquartered; is recognized by a State legislative body as an Indian organization or group; in which a majority of its members are recognized as Indians; whether or not such organization is recognized as a State or federal recognized tribe; and


WHEREAS, the Inter-tribal Historic/Cultural Preservation Committee of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes these proposed amendments.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes supports the Inter-Tribal Historic/Cultural Resources Committee in their opposition to the proposed language changes to the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990.


CERTIFICATION

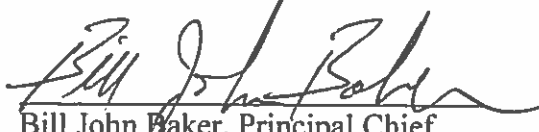
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 8th day of May, 2013, by a vote of All for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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