



The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

**A Resolution Supporting Keith Harper as an Outstanding Nominee for
Ambassador**

Resolution No. 13-26



WHEREAS, Keith Harper is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Barack Obama, President of the United States, has nominated Keith Harper to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations Human Rights Council, with rank of Ambassador; and,



WHEREAS, Keith Harper is a legal scholar, professor and attorney who has worked tirelessly on behalf of Tribes and Native people for his entire career and Keith Harper has proven to be a champion for justice and Indian Country; and,



WHEREAS, Keith Harper navigated a long and complicated settlement in *Cobell v Salazar* and he will bring this unique perspective and experience to his work on behalf of human rights on a global scale; and,



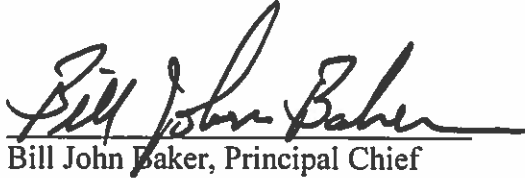
WHEREAS, President Obama committed to appoint Natives to high positions within his administration and Keith Harper's nomination is a continuance of that promise; and,

WHEREAS, Keith Harper, if confirmed by the Senate, would be the first person from a federally recognized tribe to serve as a U.S. Ambassador; and,

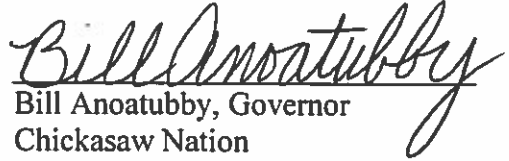
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports Mr. Harper's nomination as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Council.

CERTIFICATION

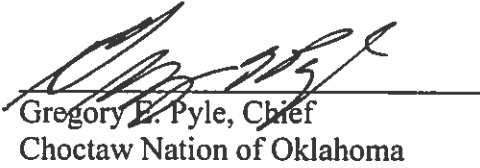
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Sulphur, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July, 2013, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



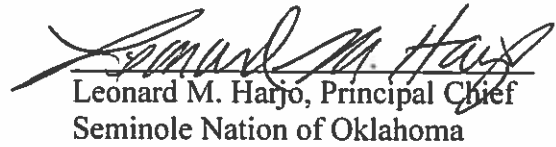
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
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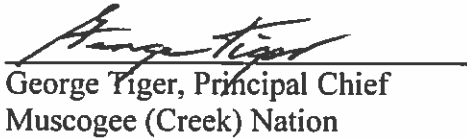
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation



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Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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