



The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution of The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Opposing the Sale of Any Items Currently in the Possession of the Creek Council House Museum Association that were Loaned or Donated to the Museum

Resolution No. 13-28



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



WHEREAS, the Creek Council House was erected in 1878 and the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is acknowledged as a National Historic Landmark; and,



WHEREAS, the Creek Council House Museum was established in 1923 by the Creek Indian Memorial Association (CIMA) as an education center for Native American history; and,



WHEREAS, the Creek Council House Museum housed artifacts and exhibits about the history of the Muscogee (Creek) people and other Native American arts and crafts; and,

WHEREAS, the CIMA officially renames the organization to the Creek Council House Museum Association (CCHMA), a non-profit corporation of the State of Oklahoma in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, many items and artifacts curated by the Creek Council House Museum Association were either donated, sold or loaned from the local community including Creek families and tribal members; and,

WHEREAS, all the items and artifacts that were either donated, sold or loaned to the Creek Council House Museum Association have thereafter been owned or controlled by the CIMA/or CCHMA; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation purchased the Council House in 2010 but did not purchase the collections, furnishings or contents; and,

WHEREAS, the Creek Council House Museum Association has recently announced its decision to auction for sale some of their collection to the public; and,


WHEREAS, the decision to auction items has raised many questions by tribal members, former artifact owners, donors and the general public; and,

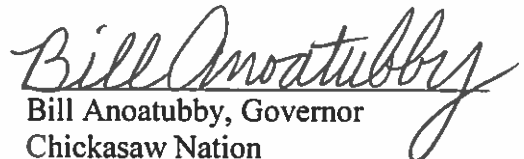
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes the transfer or sale by auction or otherwise of items and artifacts originally accessioned through donation, sale or loan to the Creek Council House Museum Association for the benefit of the Creek people and local community; and,


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that items donated to the Creek Council House Museum Association that relate to Muscogee Creek history, culture or arts, should be preserved and retained in perpetuity for the educational benefit and enjoyment of the Creek people now and in the future.

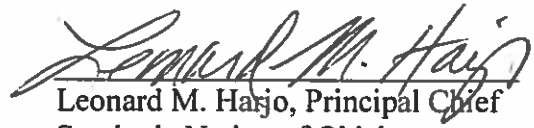
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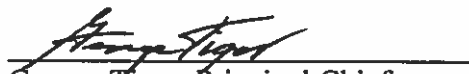
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Sulphur, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July, 2013, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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