

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution In Support Of Senator John Tester's Legislation, Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act; And Commending Senator John Tester's Efforts

Resolution No. 14 - 10



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, Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) has proposed legislation titled the Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act (S. 1948); and,

WHEREAS, Senator Jon Tester serves as the current Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to schools and private or tribal nonprofit organizations to develop and maintain, or improve and expand, programs that support the use of Native American languages as their primary language of instruction; and,

WHEREAS, Said act would provide funding through grants for Native language education programs throughout Indian Country, which assists the current language revitalization efforts; and,

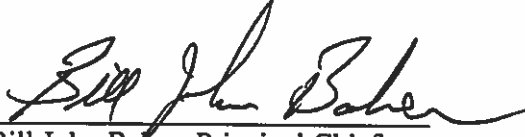
WHEREAS, Language revitalization is a key focus of Indian Country today; and,

WHEREAS, Native Americans have always held dear their own unique languages that set them apart from other cultures and defines them as a people; and,

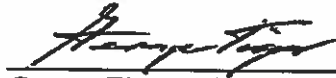
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby commends Senator Jon Tester for his introduction of the Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act

CERTIFICATION

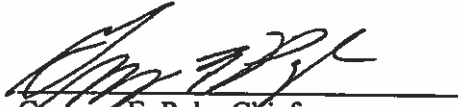
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 11th day of April, 2014, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



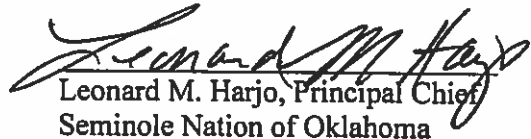
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation



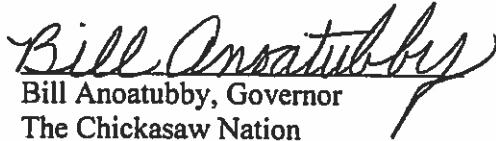
George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation