

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

A Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Requesting the unfair trade practices of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ("RJRT") to cease

Resolution No. 14-28



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

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, RJRT is involved in unfair trade practices that are obviously discriminatory against the Five Civilized Tribes; and



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WHEREAS, RJRT offers value added promotions to retailers in Oklahoma and does not offer these same value added promotions to Native American retailers offering the same products; and

WHEREAS, these promotions create an obvious and distinct trade advantage to non-Indian owned businesses; and



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Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council is the nationally recognized voice of the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council is incensed by this obvious and blatant act of unfair trade practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes demands that RJRT cease these practices by either discontinuing the value added promotions to everyone or immediately include all retail tobacco shops of Inter-Tribal Council members in all value added promotions.



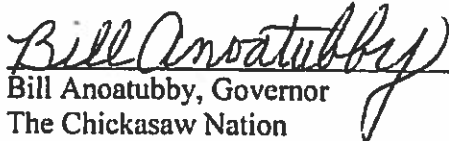
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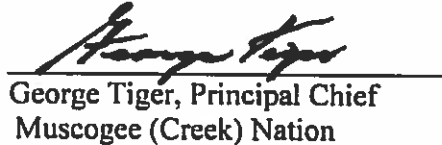
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council will not accept geremandering and "word smithing" to avoid following the law and discountinuing the unfair practices.

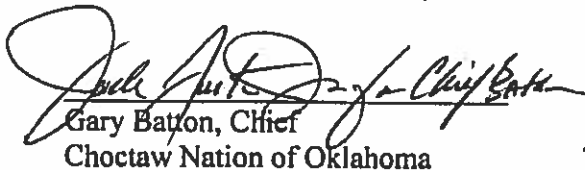
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council requests the Governor of Oklahoma, Mary Fallin, to demand that RJRT immediately cease these unfair practices.

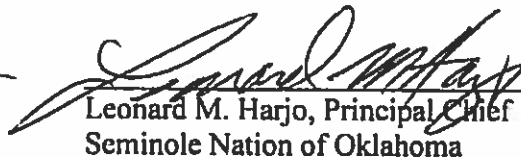
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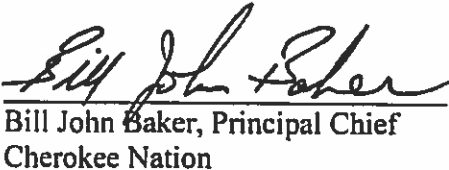
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 10th day of October, 2014, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation