

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

## A RESOLUTION PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF OKLAHOMA HOUSE BILL 1034 AN ACT AMENDING THE OKLAHOMA CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT CURRENTLY INTRODUCED IN THE 55TH SESSION OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE

### Resolution No. 15-11



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



Gary Batton  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes that Native Education continues to be in a state of emergency with disproportionately high dropout, low college entry, and low completion rates among Native students when compared with their non-Native peers; and



George Tiger  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council is an active community partner in providing quality education programs, services, and opportunities to citizens; and



Leonard M. Harjo  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council is a major supporter of children, youth and adults by providing pathways for education beginning at pre-K to earning doctorates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council recognizes the need for native students to receive an education using nationally proven methods and curriculum specifically designed for the native children and youth because native stakeholders understand their children best and can better serve their students' unique culturally related academic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council supports teaching children and youth in the traditional methods and welcome the opportunity provided by HB 1034 as charter schools would provide tribes the same educational accreditation as state and local education agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council should have the authority and opportunity for capacity building in administering education programs for their citizens and to ensure Native students' needs are emphasized and addressed at the state and local levels; and

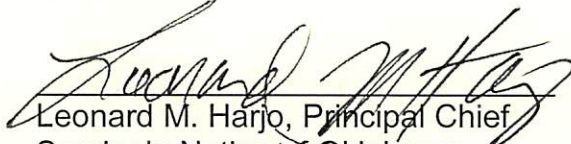
**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council agrees to continue to develop and promote alliances with Department of Education Official

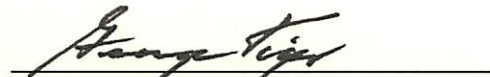
groups, departments and agencies, as well as non-indigenous organizations, local, state and national governmental bodies, legislators, and academic institutions to promote understanding and support and advance policies that strengthen tribal self-governance in education.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes and supports adoption of HB 1034 before the 55th Session of the Oklahoma Legislature.

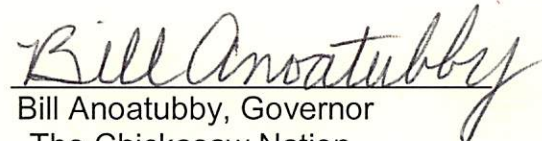
**CERTIFICATION**

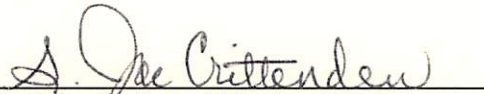
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

  
George Tiger, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

*FOR*   
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation