

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Joe Byrd as National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Eastern Region Vice-President*

Resolution No. 15-29



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

**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,



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS,** Cherokee Nation Councilman Joe Byrd is a full blood and bilingual Cherokee, who has worked to protect tribal sovereignty, preserve our culture, further educational opportunities and protect our environment for future generations; and



Gary Batton  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** Councilman Byrd served as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1995 to 1999, and was elected by his peers to serve as Speaker of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council in 2015; and



George Tiger  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** Councilor Byrd has been appointed to numerous board positions with the State of Oklahoma, served on the Planning Committee of the National Indian Policy Center, and represented Cherokee Nation at the first White House Conference on Indian Education; and



Leonard M. Harjo  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** Councilor Byrd is the Chairman of the National Native American Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the National Indian Education Association, the Oklahoma Association for Bilingual Education, and is involved with many other state and national organizations; and

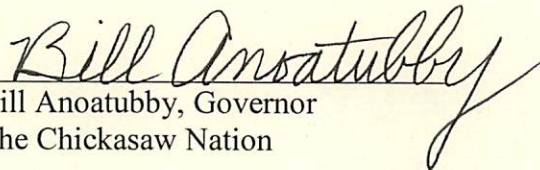
**WHEREAS,** Councilor Byrd has long been a leader in Indian Country, and will be a strong voice for Oklahoma tribes as NCAI Eastern Region Vice-President;

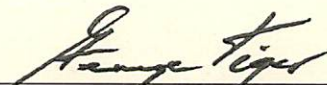
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** ITC proudly supports the nomination of Joe Byrd as NCAI Eastern Region Vice-President.

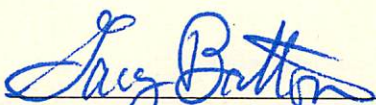
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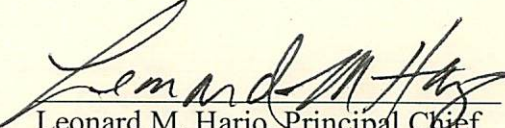
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 9th day of October, 2015, by a vote of all in favor 0 against and 0 abstentions.

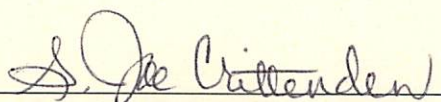
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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

*FOR*   
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation