

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution in Support of the City of Tulsa declaring a Native American Day

Resolution No. 16-18



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gary Batton
Chief



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Principal Chief



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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 more than 650,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, since the founding of our country, an inaccurate portrayal of history has been and continues to be taught in our school systems that Columbus and the Europeans were the first peoples to “discover” America; and

WHEREAS, it is time to set the historical record straight and end the perpetuation of this inaccurate perspective by acknowledging that Native Americans have lived here for thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of American cities have recognized the second Monday of October as “Indigenous Peoples Day,” reassigning Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate our country’s indigenous heritage, contributions and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, ITC supports the efforts of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission (GTAIAC) to honor Tulsa’s Native Americans and their invaluable contributions to the city and region by recently supporting a resolution declaring the second Monday of October as “Native American Day,” officially replacing Columbus Day; and

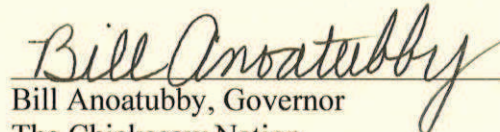
WHEREAS, ITC supports the GTAIAC initiative in recognition of Tulsa’s 30,000 Native Americans and all Native peoples, past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the fabric of our city, state and country, and with distinguished service in our Armed Forces at the highest percentage of any population of people in the United States; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ITC urges the Tulsa City Council to adopt the GTAIAC sponsored resolution declaring the second Monday in October as Native American Day in recognition of Tulsa’s Native American citizens and calls on all Indian tribes, national and regional organizations, and all Americans to commemorate this day with appropriate programs and activities to celebrate and honor the culture, contributions and traditions of Native Americans.

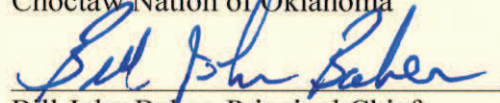
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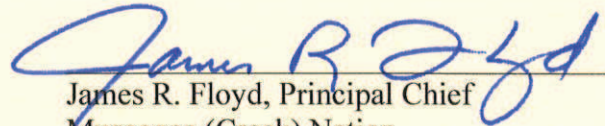
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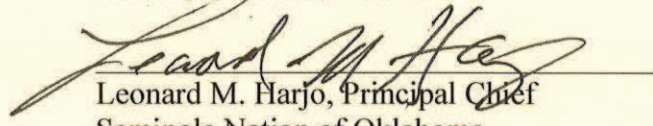
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Norman, Oklahoma on this 8th day of July, 2016, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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