

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*

### Resolution No.16-27



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



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS,** the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been fighting the placement of the Dakota Access Pipeline across their ancestral lands in North Dakota; and,

**WHEREAS,** after a federal judge denied the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's motion to stop the Pipeline, the Department of Justice, Department of the Army, and the Department of the Interior issued a joint statement announcing a temporary halt to work on the pipeline; and,



Gary Batton  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** ITC firmly stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS,** ITC firmly believes that tribal nations across Indian Country have an inalienable right to self-determination of their tribal homelands; and,

**WHEREAS,** ITC is grateful that the Administration, through the aforementioned federal agencies, intervened to do what is right in this matter – defend the rights of a sovereign tribal nation to intervene in commercial practices to prevent harm to tribal members, the land, and sacred sites; and,



James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** ITC commends the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for their courageous leadership that has protected our Mother Earth, and has been the catalyst for changes in the federal consultation policies for all tribes; and,



Leonard M. Harjo  
Principal Chief


**WHEREAS,** ITC lauds the Administration for taking steps to protect the people and resources of Indian Country, and for taking steps to reform consultation policies when considering the views of tribes regarding infrastructure projects; and,


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Inter-Tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and admires their strength and resolve as they bravely protect Indian Country from exploitation and destruction.

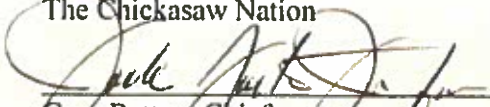
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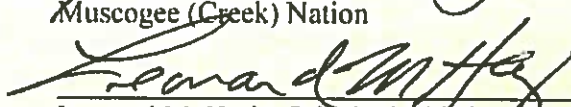
## CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, by a vote of -  
all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

  
James R. Floyd, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

  
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation