

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting Oklahoma State Department of Health Adoption of Immunization Rule Changes*

### Resolution No. 20-05



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
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 approximately 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS**, the health benefits of vaccines are well documented via rigorous research and science-based data; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and guardians of children will benefit from receiving factual information on the risks and benefits of immunization based on research and science-based data; and



Gary Batton  
Chief

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rule changes to the Oklahoma State Department of Health Immunization Regulations, in Subchapter 1 for Childhood Immunization, Rules 310:535-1-2 and 310:535-1-3, would assure parents or guardians choosing to pursue a personal or religious exemption for their children from required immunizations in Oklahoma receive education on the importance of vaccines and vaccine safety; and



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that providing education on vaccines would decrease the number of children in Oklahoma that have vaccine exemptions and increase the number of school-age children who are protected by vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, with more children fully immunized, the incidence of preventable communicable diseases in children will decrease resulting in more children being healthy and better prepared to achieve in school with improved economic prospects.



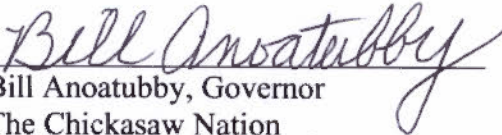
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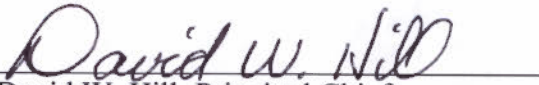
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the proposed changes to the Oklahoma State Department of Health Immunization Regulations that would modify the process for obtaining and submitting religious and personal vaccine exemptions for children enrolled in Oklahoma schools or child care centers in order to decrease the number of children not protected against communicable disease.


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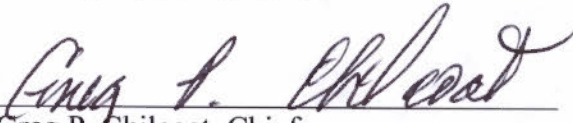
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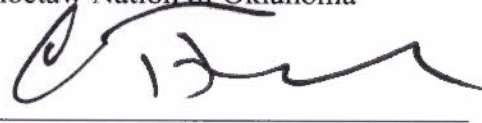
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 10th day of January, 2020, by a vote of 22 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

  
David W. Hill, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Gary Battou, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
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