

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Opposing Any Efforts to Disestablish Indian Reservations

Resolution No. 20-09



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 federal government maintains a trust and treaty responsibility to Indian tribes, which is a legal and moral obligation created by treaties, statutes, executive orders and other legal agreements and laws. Congress therefore has the responsibility to uphold the best interests of tribal governments and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the recent *McGirt* decision affirmed that a reservation was established for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and never disestablished by Congress, and given their shared legal histories the reservations of all Five Tribes remain intact today; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the decision was welcomed by Indian tribes, who view the Supreme Court's decision as an affirmation of the continuing vitality of treaties and the commitments made therein between our tribal governments and the United States; and

WHEREAS, following this historic ruling, certain special interest groups have undertaken to propose federal legislation to disestablish Indian reservations in Oklahoma and elsewhere; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, history has shown these types of misguided federal policies have dramatically diminished tribal lands and undermined the ability of tribes to build strong, self-sufficient and self-governing tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, Congress must reject any and all efforts to disestablish reservations in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the United States, and instead support policies that encourage tribal governments to preserve jurisdiction over their own lands and citizens; and



Greg P. Chilcoat
Chief

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NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes opposes any and all efforts to disestablish Indian reservations in Oklahoma and elsewhere, and urges Congress to do the same.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 9th day of October, 2020, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



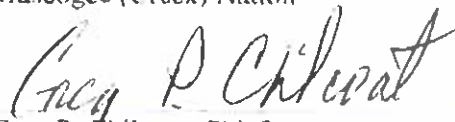
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