

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Urging President-Elect Biden to strengthen and implement a robust tribal consultation policy and reconvene the White House Council on Native American Affairs*

### Resolution No. 21-04



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Batton  
Chief



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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

WHEREAS, tribal governments existed long before the United States government and as a result, their sovereignty is inherent. This is recognized by the United States Constitution, treaties, laws, court cases, and policies. It constitutes the government-to-government relationship and requires the federal government to engage directly on a nation-to-nation basis with tribes; and

WHEREAS, the first official tribal consultation policy came during the Reagan Administration, then was extended during the Clinton and Obama Administrations, including Executive Order 13175 that provides the framework for how tribal consultations should occur. While these executive orders and policies have been effective at increasing tribal consultations and communication between federal and tribal officials, many federal agencies have failed to implement tribal consultation policies; and

WHEREAS, the White House Council on Native American Affairs was established in 2013 under the Obama Administration and worked to coordinate federal Indian policy across the federal government and uphold the federal trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, in order to uphold the government-to-government relationship, the federal government must engage early and often with tribal leaders. Meaningful consultation requires engagement on the substance of policies with Cabinet-level officials, transparency, communication, and enforcement; and

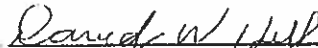
**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges President-elect Joe Biden to strengthen and implement a robust tribal consultation policy by issuing presidential memorandum to ensure that all agencies fulfill the consultation requirements of Executive Order 13175 and reconvene the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

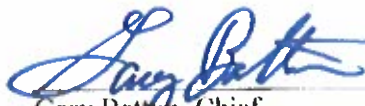
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## CERTIFICATION

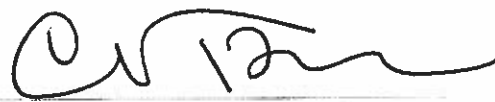
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, by a vote of 17 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

  
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**ABSENT**  
Greg P. Chilcoat, Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

  
Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation