

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Urging Congress to Swiftly Pass S. 1402, the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2021

Resolution No. 21-22



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, and Muscogee (Creek), representing approximately 780,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, tribal language programs perpetuating oral and written Native American languages have historically been either suppressed, unrecognized, or underfunded; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, tribal languages remain sacred for Native American people throughout the United States, which has resulted in tribes working aggressively to save their languages; and

WHEREAS, our Native languages contains knowledge and ways of thinking that could never be fully captured or translated into English; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2021 is named after the greatest modern contributor to the preservation of the Cherokee language since Sequoyah; and

WHEREAS, the Durbin Feeling Native Languages Act of 2021 will ensure that the federal government is upholding its promises and the carrying out the policies designed to support Native languages; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the nationwide survey the Durbin Feeling Native Languages Act of 2021 produces will help guide investments in native language and ensure that all native languages remain vital for generations to come; and

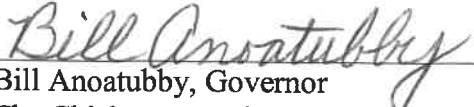
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges Congress to pass and President Biden to sign into law S. 1402, the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2021.

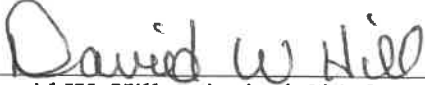
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports all programs that cultivate the development of tribal language programs.


CERTIFICATION


The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of July, 2021, by a vote of _____ for _____ against and _____ abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


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


Gary Batten, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation