

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution Supporting a Permanent Extension of the Memorandum NPM-TRUS-43, National Policy to Modernize the Land Description Review Process for Fee-to-Trust Acquisitions*

### Resolution No. 23-05



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 Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor

**WHEREAS,** the ITC has realized the need for a more cohesive, efficient process for processing Fee-to-Trust Acquisitions; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 26, 2022, the United States Department of Interior implemented a National Policy Memorandum NPM-TRUS-43, titled "Modernize the Land Description Review Process for Fee-to-Trust Acquisitions"; and



Gary Batton  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Memorandum was to "replace" the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Indian Land Surveyor's (BILS) land description review requirement from the Fee-to-Trust handbook with a Realty Land Description Review (RLDR) or a Land Description Examination & Validation (LDEV); and



David W. Hill  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** this new Policy Memorandum has increased the volume of Fee-to-Trust acquisitions throughout the Five Tribes; and



Lewis J. Johnson  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the ITC strongly supports this policy and encourages the Department of Interior to make this policy permanent, and ensures the Department of Interior carries out its fiduciary duties to the Tribes.

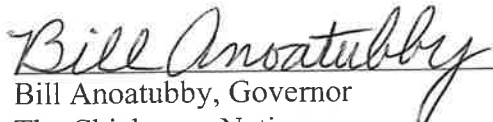
**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports a permanent extension of the National Policy Memorandum NPM-TRUS-43.

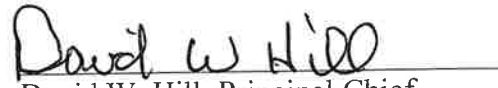
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, hereby rescinds any prior resolution in conflicts with this Resolution.

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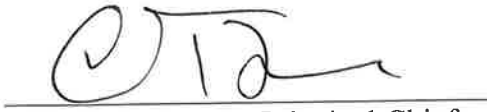
## CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 13th day of January, 2023, by a vote of All for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

  
Lewis J. Johnosh, Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma