

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-3

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DR. CHARLES COURD TO
RECEIVE A SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP FROM ASHOKA: US/CANADA**

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the Tribal governments of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Cherokee Nations, representing over 400,000 Tribal members throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Five Civilized Tribes unite their Tribal governments to provide the highest quality, culturally sensitive, and cost effective services for Indian People; and,

WHEREAS, the Five Civilized Tribes encourages the academic and professional development of member citizens who work on issues that impact the Five Civilized Tribes; and,

WHEREAS, poverty is an endemic problem that effects all American Indians in the rural communities where we live; and,

WHEREAS, ASHOKA:US/CANADA provides funding for social entrepreneurs who work to change social problems and issues; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes a world wide Entrepreneurial Revolution is occurring and desires to enable citizens and rural community residents to be active participants by the introduction of a new entrepreneurial sprit and vision in the jurisdictional areas of the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Gourd, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has identified a new and innovative model called "Cultural Entrepreneurship" with which to re-introduce entrepreneurship to Indian Country in an effort to eliminate poverty through the creation of The Academy for American Indian and Rural Entrepreneurial Leadership; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby encourages ASHOKA:US/CANADA FELLOW to complete the creation of **The Academy for American Indian and Rural Entrepreneurial Leadership** that will bring entrepreneurial education and training to public schools; vocational schools; institutions of higher education; community learning centers; and, to work on public policy issues with the respective governments of the Five Civilized Tribes.

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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 January 11, 2002, by the vote of 24 **FOR** 0 **OPPOSED** and 0 **ABSTENTIONS**.

Mary Flute Cooksey, Signed
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

S. McDainel Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

R. Perry Beaver Signed
R. Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
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Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation