

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-6

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS
UNIVERSITY WETLANDS PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION IN
OPPOSITION TO THE SOUTH LAWRENCE TRAFFICWAY**

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

WHEREAS, citizens of the representative tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes currently attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes are dedicated to the health, safety, welfare, education and environmental protection of sacred lands that are vital to the preservation of traditional culture and traditions, and;

WHEREAS, the Haskell Indian Nations University Wetlands Preservation Organization, Student Senate and Alumni Association formally oppose the construction of the South Lawrence Traffic-way on any property formerly or presently used or owned by Haskell Indian Nations University, and;

WHEREAS, the South Lawrence Traffic-way construction would intrude on sacred land where students pray, where ceremonies are held and on the Wetlands were many ancestors are buried, and;

WHEREAS, the Medicine Wheel and the Wetlands are essential to the Haskell Indian Nations University community because they provide an appropriate location for spiritual and cultural experiences, and;

WHEREAS, the South Lawrence Traffic-way construction would divide the Medicine Wheel and the Haskell Indian Nations University campus from the Wetlands which would break the spiritual virtue and isolation of the location, and;

WHEREAS, the South Lawrence Traffic-way construction will destroy the cultural and spiritual importance of the land.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does hereby support and endorse the Haskell Indian Nations University Wetlands Preservation Organization, Student Senate and Alumni. Association in opposing the construction of the South Lawrence Traffic-way.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on April 12, 2002 by a vote of 22 **FOR**, 0 **OPPOSED**, and **ABSTENTIONS**.

Chadwick Smith Signed
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

R. Perry Beaver Signed
R. Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation