

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

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE FIVE
CIVILIZED TRIBES DECLARING AND AFFIRMING THE INTENT TO
COOPERATE RELEVANT TO MUTUAL CONCERNS WITHIN THE
EFFECTIVE EXECUTION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES
PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA)**

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 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

The member Nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes are currently involved in the execution of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and

WHEREAS,

The member Nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes share a geographic region which encompasses both ancestral homelands and contemporary jurisdictional areas, and

WHEREAS,

It is in the interest of each member Nation to work in cooperation with other member Nations to ensure the effective execution of NAGPRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, in helping to secure and support the rights of each member Nation under the authority of NAGPRA, recognizes and affirms the sovereignty of each member Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the member Nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will promote tribal consensus as a means of addressing mutual concerns relevant to the execution of NAGPRA repatriation issues involving common boundaries and common lines of descent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the member Nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will notify other member Nations of any and repatriation claims, as well as, intent to make claims under the authority of NAGPRA.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Wagoner, Oklahoma on January 12, 1996 by a vote of 25 for, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed for
Hollis Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation

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

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation