

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

NUMBER 97-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE FIVE
CIVILIZED TRIBES DECLARING AND AFFIRMING SUPPORT TO THE
JOINT SEMINOLE REPATRIATION EFFORT TO REPATRIATE HUMAN
REMAINS FROM THE PEABODY MUSEUM**

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,

Public Law 101-601 enacted November 16, 1990 BY THE 101st congress through H.R. 5237, known as the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990" mandates the return of certain human remains, cultural artifacts and sacred objects and,

WHEREAS,

The member nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes have therefore deemed it necessary to establish a NAGPRA Committee to unify on repatriation issues; as passed by resolution 94-07 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; as passed by resolution 96-02 and,

WHEREAS,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes assist in securing and supporting the rights of each member nation under the authority of NAGPRA, recognizing and affirming the sovereignty of each member Nation. The NAGPRA Committee shall promote tribal consensus through joint deliberations as a means of addressing mutual concerns relevant to the execution of NAGPRA issues involving common boundaries and common lines of descent; as passed by resolution 96-02.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby recognize and support by the preponderance of the evidence that the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and the Tribes of Florida have equal and legitimate claim to the Human Remain held by the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Cat. No. 0-16395, also labeled "The Seminole Warrior."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the member nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will advocate compliance to the parties involved to follow the letter of the law in regards to NAGPRA and shall hereby notify the Peabody Museum of the collaborative support by the Inter-Tribal Council for a joint repatriation of the Human Remain "The Seminole Warrior."

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Sulphur, Oklahoma on October 10, 1997, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Greg E. Pyle Signed
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Perry Beaver Signed
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Seminole Nation

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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