

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

NUMBER 98-07

**SUPPORT FOR TEACHING ACCURATE INDIAN HISTORY  
OF THE FIVE TRIBES**

**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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is the collective voice for all Indian students, and their parents/guardians within our respective jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes declares that the academic, mental, social, spiritual and physical well being of our American Indian students are of our highest priority; and

**WHEREAS,**

Through federal treaty, established policy and legal precedent, the United States government has acknowledged its trust responsibility to promote the academic education of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS,**

There is a need for the Five Tribes to have an active voice in educating Indian children regarding Indian history; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Inter-Tribal Council contends the Five Tribes which unites the Tribal governments of the Muskogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations, will designate representatives from each tribe to develop a plan of operation to approve the accuracy of the curriculum and textbooks concerning Indian histories in public schools and other state supported educational institutions within the State of Oklahoma.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the selection of representatives by the Five Tribes to assist in the selection of history curriculum and history textbooks.

**BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes does hereby call upon the State of Oklahoma to honor requests by the Five Tribes to allow involvement of selected representatives to assist the state of Oklahoma in the selection of curriculum and textbooks to teach Indians regarding Indian history.

**CERTIFICATION**

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Tahlequah, Oklahoma on April 3, 1998, by a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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