

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

NUMBER 98-14

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 Five Civilized Tribes are the only tribes among the 557 federally recognized tribes who must meet a one-half blood quantum requirement to hold federal restrictions on allotted property; and

WHEREAS,

The process of issuing cards as Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB's) to individual citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes does not reflect all Five Civilized Tribe blood contribution, but only documents the blood of the tribe in which the citizen is enrolled, and

WHEREAS,

The CDIB process can be corrected administratively to properly reflect the total blood quantum from all Five Civilized Tribes ancestors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will take action to meet with BIA Tribal Enrollment officers either in a public forum meeting with tribal citizens or in a government-to-government meeting with the Muskogee Area Director and his staff to demand the process be changed to reflect all Indian blood.

CERTIFICATION

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

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Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
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Seminole Nation

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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