

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

NUMBER 99-13

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 threatened archeological site known as “Miami Circle” is a “Sacred Site” of the Tequesta people and is considered a “Sacred Site” by the present day aboriginal tribes, whose remnants reside in the Five Civilized Tribes and other Southeastern tribes; and

WHEREAS,

There are governmental agencies, organizations, individuals, and indigenous people who are working vigorously to protect the site by various means, including litigation proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes has heard the plea of the indigenous people and the cry of our ancestors and feel compelled to support those who seek to save and protect this “Sacred Religious Site”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes declared this ancient Tequesta site as a traditional cultural property and a sacred site of all aboriginal tribes of the southeast, and should be treated with care and respect as other sacred religious sites around the world.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting on April 9, 1999, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

J. Garland Eagle Signed for
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

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

Perry Beaver Signed
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Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation