

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

NUMBER 99-14

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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognize and acknowledge the contributions and sacrifice of American Indian nations through active participation in wars, conflicts and peacetime periods; and

WHEREAS,

Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. is a final burial place of honor for American Indian decorated veterans, soldiers and military personnel; and

WHEREAS,

The honoring of American Indian veterans at Arlington National Cemetery will take place in conjunction with the NAGPRA Public Review hearings being held in Washington, D.C. May 3-5, 1999.

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the "honoring of American Indian defenders and protectors" of the United States, its constitution and way of life on May 3, 1999 at 12:00 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, when possible, appropriate and feasible, invites their respective active and non-active tribal color guards, veterans, and military personnel to support and participate in honoring American Indian veterans of wars on May 3, 1999, at 12 noon at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

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
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation