

# *Seminole Nation of Oklahoma*



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Dear Chiefs and Governor:

The Seminole Nation is and always will be one of the Five Tribes and we each have a stake in advancing policies supporting tribal sovereignty, promoting self-determination, and protecting our trust responsibilities. To that end, I truly appreciate the value of our government-to-government relationships and the effort to utilize the Inter-Tribal Council as a forum for intergovernmental discussions.

I fully respect the sovereignty of each Tribe and as the elected leaders of our Tribes, we each have a duty to represent the best interests of our constituents' and our Tribal Governments.

Historically, the interests of The Five Tribes have been unified but our discussions during the past 9 months have brought us to an impasse. Simply put, it is apparent that the Seminole Nation has a different perspective regarding some of the issues that have come before the Council, as of late.

Moving forward, the Seminole Nation wishes to suspend our participation in the Inter-Tribal Council. As the Seminole Nation will not be a party to future discussions, we ask that the Inter-Tribal Council refrain from making representations, either explicit or implicit, that any collective positions or opinions offered by the Inter-Tribal Council have received the endorsement of all Fives Tribes.

Furthermore, for the foreseeable future, I will not be endorsing any other representative to act on behalf of the Seminole Nation to the Inter-Tribal Council. As a matter of course, regarding other matters, the Seminole Nation is open to maintaining our intergovernmental relationships with you and your respective Tribes and wishes to make it clear that this decision is not intended to foreclose our relationships in perpetuity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg P. Chilcoat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Chief Greg P. Chilcoat  
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