

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

NUMBER 99-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES DECLARING AND AFFIRMING SUPPORT
TO THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE PRUPOSES
OF CONSULTATION WITH CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE,
FLORIDA AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SEMINOLE
REST**

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 100th Congress of the United States of America have enacted PUBLIC LAW 100-564-Oct. 31, 1988, to authorize and direct the acquisition of lands for Canaveral National Seashore, in the state of Florida the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to manage the lands known as Seminole Rest, and

WHEREAS,

Canaveral National Seashore and the National Park Service have proposed development alternatives in the management plan of this ancient mound village. This archaeological site is protected by National Historic Preservation Act and consultation is mandated by Section 106. These federal entities have sought consultation with the culturally affiliated tribes of the original inhabitants of this Sacred Ceremonial and Burial Site, and

WHEREAS,

The cultural affiliation of these ancient Timucuan people have not been determined, their descendants may have remnants in numerous contemporary tribes, and

WHEREAS,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes assist in securing and supporting the rights of each member nation under the authority of NAGPRA, recognizing and affirming the sovereignty of each member Nation. The NAGPRA Committee shall promote tribal consensus through joint deliberations as a means of addressing mutual concerns relevant to the execution of NAGPRA issues involving common boundaries and common lines of descent; as mandated in the ITCFCT's NAGPRA Policy Statement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby recognize and support the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma as the primary appointed Tribe to consult and administer an agreement with Canaveral National Seashore for the purposes of protecting this Sacred Ceremonial and Burial Site, know as "Seminole Rest."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the member nations of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes advocate compliance to the National Park Service of the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held Tahlequah, Oklahoma on January 15, 1999, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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