

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

NUMBER 99-06

**ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF LIBRARY SERVICES PROJECT TO POST
INDIAN AFFAIRS LAWS AND TREATIES OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED
TRIBES ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

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,

Charles J. Kappler's *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties* is a historically and legally significant compilation of U.S. treaties, laws and executive orders pertaining to Native American Indian tribes.

WHEREAS,

Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties is in high demand by today's students, researchers, journalists, attorneys, legislators, teachers and others of Native and non-Native origins and serves as primary source documents to these diverse groups.

WHEREAS,

The treaties contained in *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties* hold the force of constitutional law, thus governing the actions of the federal government with Indian nations.

WHEREAS,

Issue of Native sovereignty impact both native and non-Native peoples.

WHEREAS,

The universal availability of the information contained in *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties* will only grow in importance.

WHEREAS,

Oklahoma serves as the headquarters of the Five Tribes as well as thirty-four other Native American tribes.

WHEREAS,

Oklahoma, a state with the second highest Native American population per capita, can claim only five publicly available copies of this seminal work.

WHEREAS,

Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties in its current printed form is limited in its usefulness by its scarcity, brittleness, and its reliance on indexing conventions associated with printed materials.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized endorses The Oklahoma State University Library's project to scan, digitize and make universally available through the World Wide Web the remaining seven thousand pages of *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties* in order that a full and complete representation of this critical work can be available to all people everywhere.

CERTIFICATION

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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