

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

NUMBER 99-08

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 Executive Committee of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recognizes that each of the Five tribes have substantial sovereign and proprietary claims to water rights based in their respective Treaties, and applicable Tribal and federal law, and

WHEREAS,

It is in the best interest of the respective Five Tribes to work together to develop the most effective strategies to enhance and further their interest relating to the water resources within their Tribal boundaries, and

WHEREAS,

The Inter-Tribal Council should support the creation of an Inter-Tribal task force charged with the responsibility of analyzing the Tribal sovereign and proprietary interests in water resources and recommending, strategies to further said interests.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is authorized to make the appointments to the Inter-Tribal Water Rights Task Forces authorized to be created hereunder, provided that at least one person representing each of the Five Tribes shall be appointed in the Water Rights Task Force.

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.

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Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
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Seminole Nation

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation