

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

NUMBER 2001-10

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NOMINATION TO PROVIDE  
PROTECTION TO THE MEDICINE WHEEL AND MEDICINE MOUNTAIN**

**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 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Bighorn Medicine Wheel National Historic Landmark and Medicine Mountain is a sacred site to Indian people; and

**WHEREAS,**

This area is also a nationally important historic and traditional cultural area important to many people across the country; and

**WHEREAS,**

Federal agencies, state agencies, local county authorities and tribal representatives have negotiated a Historic Preservation Plan to protect this sacred site; and

**WHEREAS,**

A nomination is being prepared to establish a boundary for the National Landmark based upon the traditional cultural importance of the site to Native American Indian People; and

**WHEREAS,**

The area to be included, based upon historic, archeological and ethnographic data which has been collected, is equal to about 15,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS,**

This nomination will help to provide permanent protection to the Medicine Wheel and Medicine Mountain; and

**WHEREAS,**

Certain local residents have mounted a campaign to prevent the objective consideration of this nomination and the data contained in it by the Keeper of the National Register in the National Park Service who reviews such nominations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes:

1. Endorses the submission of the 15,000 acre nomination to the Keeper of the National Register; and
2. Supports the approval of the nomination by the Keeper of the National Register.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Durant, Oklahoma on July 13, 2001, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Chadwick Smith Signed  
Chadwick Smith, 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