

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
organized February 3, 1950

*A Resolution Supporting the Position of Cherokee Nation and  
Cherokee Nation Citizens, Dusten Brown and Baby Girl in the case of Adoptive  
Couple v. Baby Girl, et al*

Resolution No. 13-02



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gregory Pyle  
Principal Chief



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Principal Chief



Leonard M. Harjo  
Principal Chief

**WHEREAS,** with the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act, the U.S. Congress found that "that there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children and that the United States has a direct interest, as trustee, in protecting Indian children who are members of or are eligible for membership in an Indian tribe."

**WHEREAS,** the Indian Child Welfare Act is one of the most vital pieces of federal Indian law legislation.


**WHEREAS,** the Indian Child Welfare Act is especially important to the non-reservation tribes located in Oklahoma because the vast majority of our citizens do not reside in Indian County.

**WHEREAS,** the opposition in this case has mounted an unprecedented legal and media attack on the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes pledges support for the Indian Child Welfare Act and fully supports the position of the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Citizens Dusten Brown and Baby Girl.


## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Norman, Oklahoma on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

  
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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George Tiger, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

  
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

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Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation