



The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Creating A Task Force to Work Collectively Regarding Natural Gas Technologies



Resolution No. 13-24

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and,



WHEREAS, Governor Mary Fallin has lauded and supported efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions and resulting carbon footprints by expanding and promoting involvement in natural gas technologies throughout the State of Oklahoma, including dedicating State vehicles to utilize compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel, promoting the use of bi-fuel (CNG/gasoline) vehicles, offering State tax incentives to alleviate costs of purchasing or converting vehicles to bi-fuel and dedicated CNG vehicles or for installation of a residential CNG refueling system, setting Oklahoma as one of the first States to offer certification in CNG and bi-fuel vehicle conversion and maintenance, joining a coalition of fourteen States committed to CNG utilization, and bringing awareness to the existing need for increased numbers of CNG fueling stations to meet growing demand for CNG fuel and infrastructure in Tribal, private, corporate and government sectors; and,



WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) recognizes the essential roles of Tribes in taking reasonable steps towards reducing carbon footprints, ensuring availability of affordable energy, sharing knowledge and resources in the development of CNG vehicles, stations and infrastructure, realizing the impacts of energy availability and affordability upon individuals and families, maximizing efficiencies in natural resources use and in being a visibly significant part of local to national economic development; and,

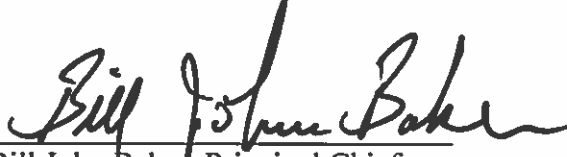


WHEREAS, the ITC also recognizes the importance of Tribal governments working collectively to promote solidarity in achieving our goals as Native people; and,

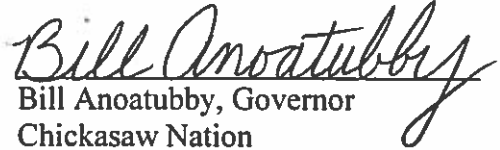
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commits to working with combined strengths to advance Tribal involvement and leadership in natural gas technologies as a reasonable path to further address energy utilization and related issues, and proposes to develop an Inter-Tribal Strategic Alternative Fuels Plan to jointly pursue opportunities in maximizing effectiveness in adoption of energy efficient technologies, supplying affordable energy while reducing fossil fuel emissions, and ensuring paths be taken for current and future generations in pursuing a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Sulphur, Oklahoma on this 12th day of July, 2013, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



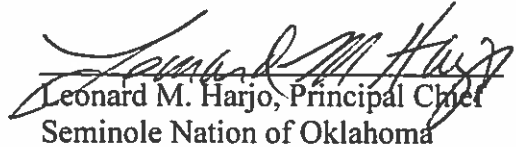
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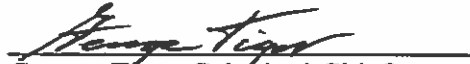
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation