

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Endorsing Oklahoma Legislation Modifying the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974

Resolution No. 14-04



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gregory Pyle
Principal Chief



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Principal Chief



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

WHEREAS, the previous version of this state legislation, 78 O.S. 2011, Section 73, defines "American Indian Tribe" as any Indian Tribe, organized band or pueblo; and,

WHEREAS, this Council supports legislation defining "American Indian Tribe" as any Indian tribe federally recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior; and "American Indian" as a person who is a citizen or is an enrolled member of an American Indian Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, this Council would support legislation increasing the penalty for knowingly violating this Act; and,

WHEREAS, this Council considers those who attempt to imitate or replicate their own 'art' as being traditional American Indian art reprehensible and thus subject to the letter of the law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes enthusiastically and formally endorses state legislation strengthening the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma on this 10th day of January, 2014, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

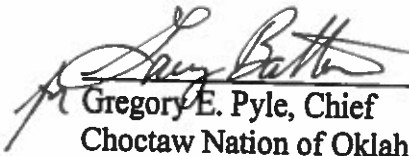
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Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

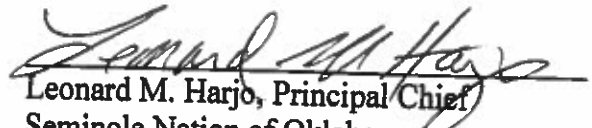
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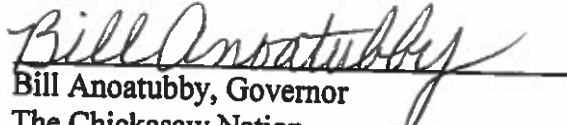
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