

*A Resolution to Request Tribal Consultation on Food Safety Modernization Act*

Resolution No. 14- 14



Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief



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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 ITC recognizes the important role that each of the ITC Tribes play in feeding our people and communities, providing for food and agriculture production on our lands, and encouraging greater food production among our people; and,

WHEREAS, The ITC calls upon the Food and Drug Administration to provide tribal consultation on all pending regulations, directives or guidelines relating to implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and expresses its continuing concern with the lack of meaningful consultation with tribes throughout the US concerning these rules, and particularly the lack of consultation among Oklahoma tribes, and the substantial and adverse affect these rules will have on tribal producers and tribal feeding programs; and,

WHEREAS, The ITC also calls upon the Food and Drug Administration to provide consultation venues for Oklahoma Tribes as soon as possible to discuss all issues related to the Food Safety Modernization Act as requiring compliance will substantially and negatively impact all Oklahoma tribes; and,

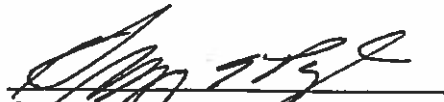
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The ITC requests the Food and Drug Administration of the Health and Human Services Department to provide meaningful consultation on all rules, guidelines and interpretations of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

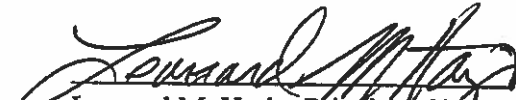
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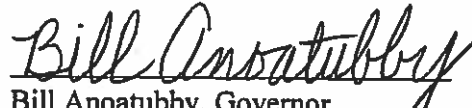
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

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