

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Requesting Federal Acknowledgement Consultations in Oklahoma

Resolution No. 14-22



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

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



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, there are 39 federally recognized tribal nations in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahoma tribes have some concerns with the Department of Interior's proposed revisions to 25 CFR Part 83, Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe (federal acknowledgement process); and



Gary Batton
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, although several locations for Tribal Consultation and public meetings to receive comments have been selected, none of the locations are geographically convenient for Oklahoma tribes; and

WHEREAS, many of the groups seeking federal recognition are claiming to be descendants of tribes that were relocated to Oklahoma, such as the Cherokee Nation, Seminole Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Choctaw Nation; and



George Tiger
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, Oklahoma tribes would like the opportunity to provide comments on this vitally important issue in a manner that honors the government-to-government relationship that we have with the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we request an additional location for tribal consultation and public comment on the proposed revisions to the federal acknowledgement process in Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 11th day of July, 2014, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.



Leonard M. Harjo
Principal Chief


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Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

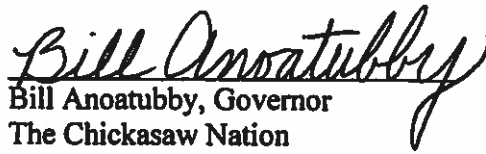
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George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


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The Chickasaw Nation