

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Supporting the Creation of the NAGPRA/NHPA Section 106 Working Group

Resolution No. 15-07



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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 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly supports actions of its member nations to preserve and to protect historic properties, traditional cultural properties, ancestral remains, funerary objects and sacred objects; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) became law on November 16, 1990 (Public Law 101-601; 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) and has been amended twice; and

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), became law on October 15, 1966 (Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) and has since been amended several times, most recently in 2006; and

WHEREAS, each of the Five Civilized Tribes have offices or departments that are responsible for consulting with Federal agencies regarding matters of interest and importance to the Tribe concerning historic preservation and cultural resources including NAGPRA and NHPA regulations; and

WHEREAS, each of the Five Civilized Tribes respond to thousands of federal projects on a yearly basis involving NHPA as well as numerous NAGPRA sites and issues; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and Historic Preservation Offices of the Five Civilized Tribes often work together to solve complex issues involving NHPA undertakings and NAGPRA issues; and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified to create a separate NAGPRA/NHPA Section 106 working group of ITC to discuss these complex issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the proposed creation of the NAGPRA/NHPA Section 106 working group for the Inter-Tribal Council meetings.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 2015, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.

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