

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



## *A Resolution in Support of the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act*

### Resolution No. 15-23



**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**, this resolution shall provide support for the Senate Bill and Companion House Bill for the Native Act; and,



**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the tourism projects and initiatives of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians which creates economic development and employment across Indian Country while preserving and highlighting our cultures, languages, and traditional lifeways; and,



**WHEREAS**, the NATIVE Act is designed to enhance and intergrate Native American tourism, empower native communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NATIVE Act will accelerate Native American community development, increase international tourism to the United States and recognize the value of Indian Country participation in international tourism promotion; and,

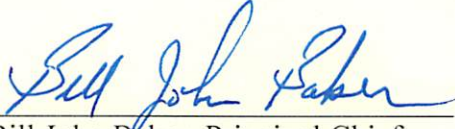
**WHEREAS**, Indian Country is ready to perform the provisions of the NATIVE act to advance Indian Country tourism by assisting tribes and providing the tools to develop and enhance tourism programs in Indian Country; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the NATIVE Act and encourages Congress to pass the legislation to enhance community development, recognize and encourage Native American tribal participation in tourism, and provide permanent funding mechanisms for technical assistance to advance economic development in Indian Country for tribes engaged in tourism; and,

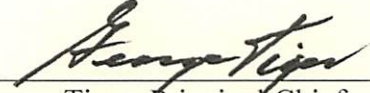
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

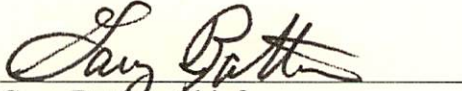
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



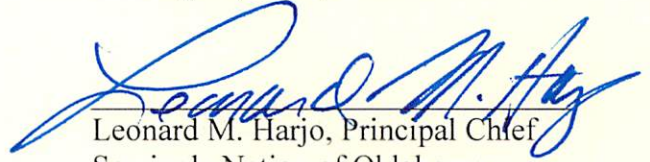
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation



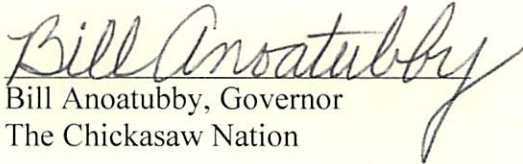
George Tiger, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation