

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Amendments to the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974

Resolution No.16-09



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, House Bill 2261 (HB2261), is a bill pending in the Oklahoma State Legislature that will amend the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974. The bill is authored and sponsored by Cherokee Nation citizens Representative Chuck Hoskin (D-Dist.6), and Senator John Sparks (D-Dist.16); and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, HB2261 defines "American Indian tribe" as any Indian tribe federally recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and further, defines "American Indian" as a citizen or enrolled member as defined by each federally recognized American Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, HB2261 includes performing arts and literature in the list of authentic arts and crafts; and



James R. Floyd
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, in 2014 an identical bill passed the House unanimously, but stalled in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 a similar resolution, Resolution No. 14-04, was passed by the ITC; and



Leonard M. Harjo
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, HB2261 passed the House by a 90-0 unanimous vote on March 7, 2016, and is awaiting action in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

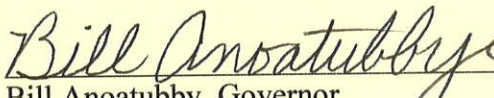
WHEREAS, HB2261 ensures Oklahoma takes a firm position on preserving the integrity and authenticity of all American Indian arts and artisans.

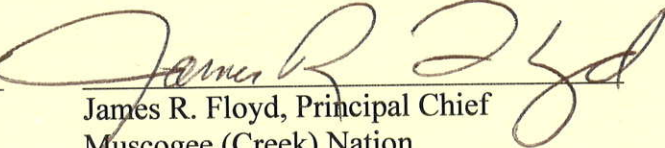
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes support HB2261, and urges the Oklahoma State Legislature to approve this important bill that will strengthen the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974.

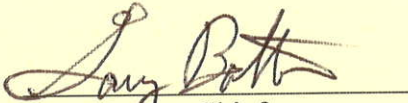
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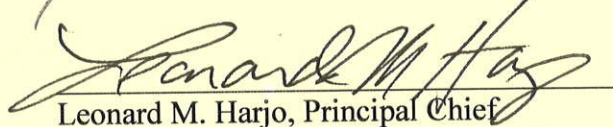
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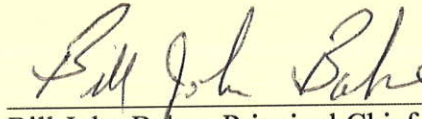
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 8th day of April, 2016, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation