

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978

Resolution No. 16-10



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, in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, the U.S. Congress found "that there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children and that the United States has a direct interest, as trustee, in protecting Indian children who are members of or are eligible for membership in an Indian tribe;" 25 U.S.C. § 1901(3); and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the United States "to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimum Federal standards for removal of children from their families and the placement of such children in foster or adoptive homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture . . ." 25 U.S.C. 1902; and



James R. Floyd
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act is a vital part of federal Indian law legislation that is especially important to the non-reservation tribes located in Oklahoma because a great number of our citizens do not reside in Indian Country; and



Leonard M. Harjo
Principal Chief

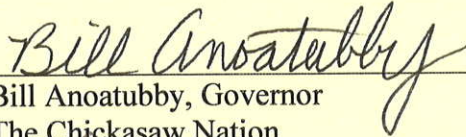
WHEREAS, a legal and media attack is currently being waged against the Indian Child Welfare Act which could have ramifications on all tribes and Indian children and families.

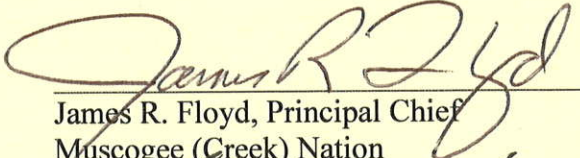
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes pledges support for the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§1901, et al.).

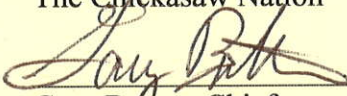
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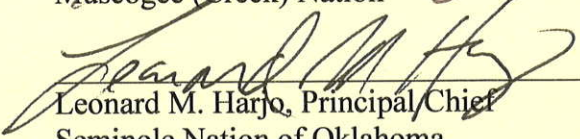
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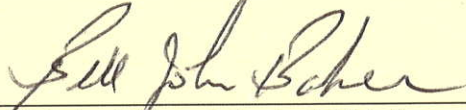
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 8th day of April, 2016, by a vote of all for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation


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


Gary Bayton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma


Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma


Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation