

# The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## *A Resolution in Support of Oklahoma House Bill 1365*

### Resolution No. 19-15



**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 more than 750,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



**BILL ANOATUBBY  
GOVERNOR**

**WHEREAS,** the ITC recognizes that public transit plays an important role in the well-being of Oklahoma's citizens by providing access to employment, healthcare and other vital services; and



**GARY BATTON  
CHIEF**

**WHEREAS,** tribal transit systems partner with state transit agencies to increase mobility, improve safety and security and to ensure longevity through the movement of people to and from their destinations; and

**WHEREAS,** tribal transit systems have joined forces with the Oklahoma Transit Association (OTA) for the betterment of public transportation systems statewide; and



**JAMES R. FLOYD  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

**WHEREAS,** the OTA commissioned an economic study in 2018 and discovered that public transit has a positive impact on the state's economy of over \$800 million annually, although the state's budget for public transit has not changed since 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** the OTA also commissioned a needs assessment in 2018 indicating the demand for public transit far exceeds existing state resources and infrastructure, and the capacity to provide services is limited because of outdated management policies; and



**GREG P. CHILCOAT  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

**WHEREAS,** the results of OTA's efforts initiated Oklahoma House Bill 1365, which modernizes Oklahoma's public transit system, lays the groundwork for future funding increases and establishes a new office within the Oklahoma Department of Transportation that is tasked with developing an all-inclusive transit policy and management system to ensure safe and efficient transportation of all Oklahomans.

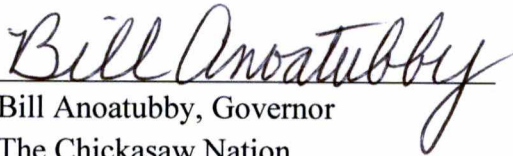
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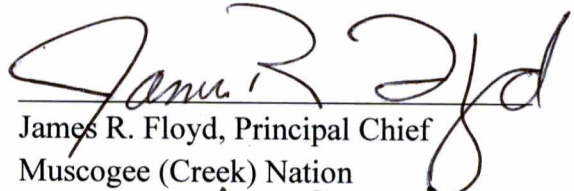
**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby expresses support for Oklahoma House Bill 1365 adopted by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority vote of 86-0.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby encourages the Oklahoma Senate to approve this bill and the Governor to sign the House Bill 1365 into law.

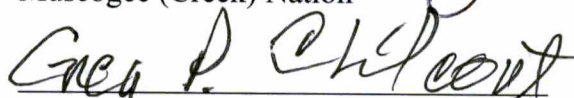
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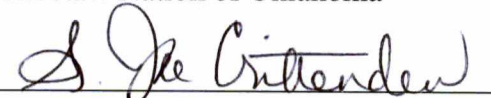
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by a vote of 18 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

*FOR*   
Bill John Baker, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation