

## The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

### *A Resolution Supporting Tribal Promise Zones*

#### Resolution No. 19-23



Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



Gary Batton  
Chief



James R. Floyd  
Principal Chief



Greg P. Chilcoat  
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

**WHEREAS,** the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was named as the first ever tribal Promise Zone in 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** the Thunder Valley Promise Zone, Pride of the Great Plains Promise Zone and Spokane Tribe of Indians Promise Zone have since been designated as tribal Promise Zones to support and empower their communities through this initiative; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 12510 of P.L. 115-334, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, commonly referred to as the 2018 Farm Bill, calls for the designation of additional tribal Promise Zones; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2018 Farm Bill requires these additional tribal Promise Zones to be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture within one year of the enactment of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (December 20, 2018); and

**WHEREAS,** the one year anniversary of the enactment of the 2018 Farm Bill is rapidly approaching and the Department of Agriculture has not yet publicly announced progress in these steps to designate additional tribal Promise Zones; and

**WHEREAS,** the nomination of additional tribal Promise Zones in Indian Country can and will help establish private-public partnerships and ensure investment in some of the most underserved areas in Indian Country.

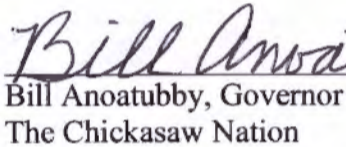
**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby supports the designation of additional tribal Promise Zones.

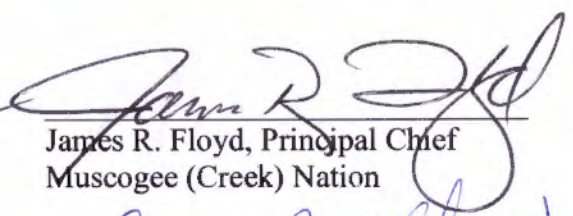
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby encourages the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to begin the consultation and application process to name additional tribal Promise Zones.

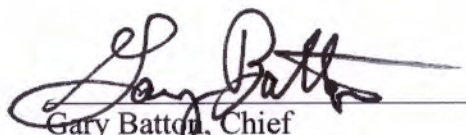
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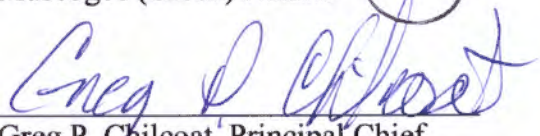
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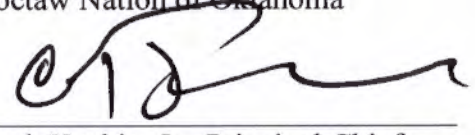
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ against and \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions.

  
Bill Anoatubby, Governor  
The Chickasaw Nation

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

  
Gary Batten, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

  
Greg P. Chilcoat, Principal Chief  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

  
Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation