

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution in Support of Maintaining the Existing Constructive Working Relationships between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation And Tribal Governments in Oklahoma

Resolution No. 21-18



Chuck Hoskin Jr
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, and Muscogee (Creek), representing more than 780,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the process that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has used to identify, select, and deliver transportation projects jointly with the Five Civilized Tribes has been effective and beneficial for improving infrastructure in Oklahoma; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements brought forth through the partnerships between the State of Oklahoma and the Five Civilized Tribes have benefited all Oklahomans and produced safer roadways and bridges; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, hundreds of millions of dollars and countless in-kind contributions, such as right-of-ways and granted easements, have been contributed by the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Five Civilized Tribes support the ODOT continuing the same process for evaluating and selecting joint projects, and working jointly with the Five Civilized Tribes to improve transportation infrastructure in Oklahoma; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby disputes and rejects the statement made by Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz during the April 5, 2021 Oklahoma Department of Transportation Commission Meeting, asserting the “need for a different level of communication with the Governor’s Office”, and requirement to “seek the advice, information, and counsel of the Governor’s Office” when considering Tribal/State joint transportation projects:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports maintaining the existing processes used by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to identify, select, and where appropriate partner with tribal governments, to execute transportation projects for the safety of all Oklahomans.

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 9th day of April 2021, by a vote of 18 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation



Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



David Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation