

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Calling on the United States to renew its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to implement said Declaration

Resolution No. 21-32



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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, and Seminole Nations, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration) is an historic international instrument that recognizes inherent rights intended to guard against the theft of lands and resources, eradication of native languages and tribal cultures, discrimination, and the political exclusion that tribal nations too often continue to face today; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration contains the “minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world”; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration in 2007, and due to overwhelming support from tribal leaders across the country, the United States formally supported the Declaration in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the United States is considering renewing its support of the Declaration, which Tribal Nations will greatly benefit from if the provisions of the Declaration are implemented by the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States acknowledges that Native Americans need representation in the Federal Government to properly reflect their needs and views, which has led to Native Americans attaining historic political appointments in the current Federal Administration from the cabinet, agency solitictors, federal bench to myriad other positions; and

WHEREAS, the United States is committed to strengthening the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes and is taking steps to ensure that the voices of tribal leaders are heard through robust consultations with tribes when formulating policies that affect their communities, such as renewing support for the Declaration; and

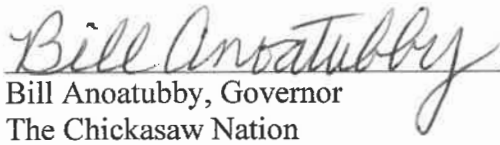
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes calls on the President of the United States to renew the United States’ support of the Declaration and to take action to implement the Declaration, in cooperation and consultation with tribal governments, as follows:

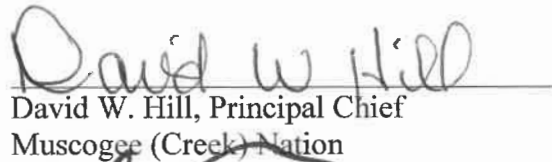
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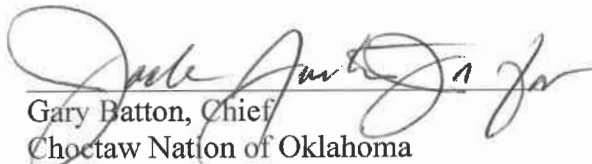
- (1) The White House Native American Affairs Council (Council) should develop a national action plan for implementing the provisions of the Declaration, including a request for all federal departments and agencies to issue policies and internal guidance to achieve the ends of the Declaration, and to report annually to the Council on their progress; and
- (2) Appoint an Ambassador (or Special Envoy) for Global Indigenous Affairs to coordinate all international engagements by the United States in matters regarding Indigenous Affairs, including at the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and with other governments; and
- (3) Support the full and effective participation of tribal governments, through their own representative institutions, in all United Nations bodies, including but not limited to the General Assembly, Human Rights Council, UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Health Organization, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other international and regional forums, including the Organization of American States.

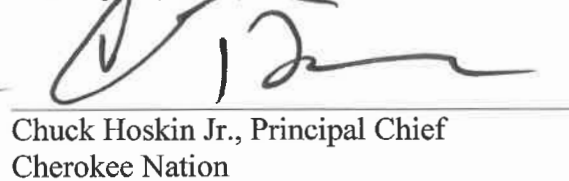
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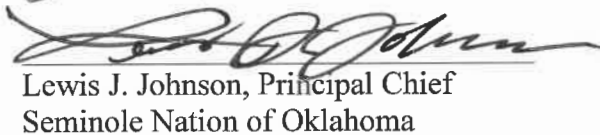
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 8th day of October, 2021, by a vote of _____ for _____ against and _____ abstentions.


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