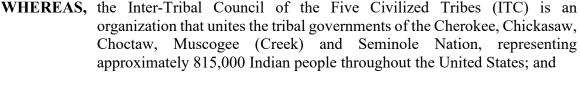
The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Cooperative Management of Wildlife Resources throughout the Reservation of the Five Civilized Tribes

Resolution No. 22-05







Principal Chief

WHEREAS, through treaties, statues, executive orders, and other legal agreements and laws, the United States of America took on many legal and moral obligations to Indian people in exchange for hundreds of millions of acres of land; and



WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma which affirmed that a reservation was established by and for the Muscogee Nation and never disestablished by Congress. As a result of our shared histories, the *McGirt* decision applies to each of the Five Tribes. The Cherokee Nation and the Chickasaw Nation reservations were reaffirmed on March 11, 2021 and the Choctaw Nation and Seminole Nation reservations were reaffirmed on April 1, 2021; and



WHEREAS, together, the Five Tribes reservations span over 32,000 square miles, equivalent to 45 percent of the state of Oklahoma; and



WHEREAS, the citizens and members of the Five Tribes have inherent rights to hunt and fish; and



WHEREAS, the reservations of the Five Tribes were established under treaties containing strong protections for tribal sovereignty and recognizing tribal hunting and fishing treaty rights; and

Lewis J. Johnson **Principal Chief**

WHEREAS, the reservations of the Five Tribes adjoin, and cooperative management of wildlife resources within the respective reservations will improve the management of wildlife populations and land management for the benefit of all living within the boundaries of those reservations.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commit to working together to support wildlife management and conservation efforts of our neighboring reservations in a way that is sustainable and consistent with each tribe's laws, traditions, culture, and for the benefit of future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commit to consider a cooperative plan to provide opportunities for citizens and members of the Five Tribes with expanded access to hunting and fishing privileges within our respective reservations, consistent with each tribe's treaty rights, laws, and conservation standards.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting virtually on this 14th day of January, 2022, by a vote of 22 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

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David W. Hill, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Gary Batton, Chief Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

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