

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting Legislation to Grant the National American Indian Veterans, Inc., a Federal Charter

Resolution No. 22-04



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, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nation, representing approximately 815,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV) was formed in 2004 with the stated purpose of creating an advocacy umbrella for all American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Veterans, Tribal Veterans Organizations, and Tribal Veterans Committees; and



Gary Batton
Chief

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. works to promote the social welfare (including educational, economic, physical, and cultural) of all Native Veterans, without regard to whether they served during times of peace, conflict, or war; and

WHEREAS, by connecting them with the appropriate State and Federal agencies who are responsible for providing services and benefits to which they are entitled, NAIV is well-positioned to provide a voice to Native Veterans; and



David W. Hill
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. provides technical assistance and outreach services to Native Veterans in fourteen (14) regional areas, many of which lack comparable organizations or programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, according to United States Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, there were approximately 140,000 Native Veterans in the United States, comprising the highest per-capita involvement of any population to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, many of whom have unique needs that are often not represented effectively by other veteran advocacy organizations; and



Lewis J. Johnson
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, pending before the U.S. Senate is S. 1725, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated, a piece of legislation that, if passed, would confer additional legitimacy to NAIV under the law, thereby enabling the organization to represent the needs of Native Veterans more effectively.

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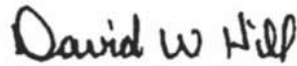
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes urges the United States Senate to swiftly consider and pass this legislation so that it may be considered in the opposite chamber and ultimately be enacted into law, ensuring the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. receives a long-overdue Congressional charter, marking the first Native American Veterans organization to receive such a distinction.

CERTIFICATION

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



Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation



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



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation



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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma